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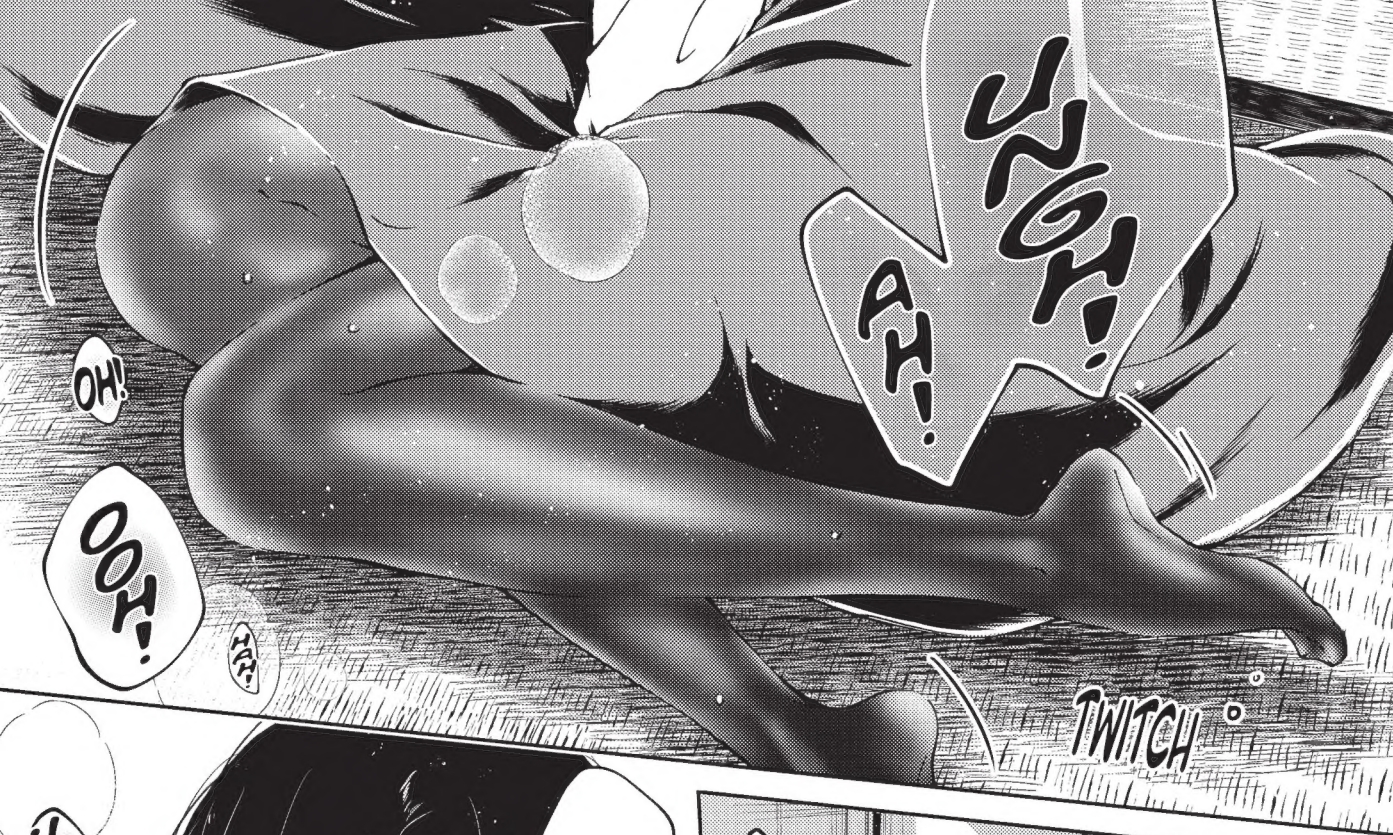


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Transparent
Light
Blue



THIS
STRANGE
FEELING
KEEPS
GROWING
INSIDE
ME.

I'M
GOING
DEEPER,
THEN.

NO.

YEAH.

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

ARE
YOU
SCARED?

HAH!

AH!

UGH!

I
TRUST
YOU,
RICCHAN.

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

HAH!

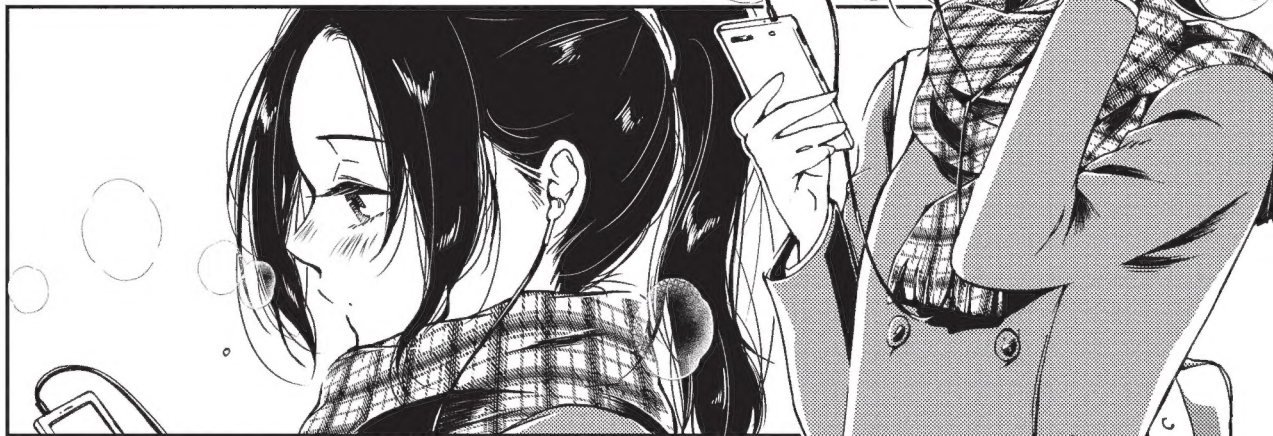


Chapter 1



THREE
UNITS
NEAR THE
STAIRS,
ALL IN A
ROW.

BUILDING
SIX,
FOURTH
FLOOR.



AND SO
US KIDS
BECAME
FRIENDS
AS WELL.

OUR
PARENTS
QUICKLY
BEFRIENDED
ONE
ANOTHER...



RICCHAN!

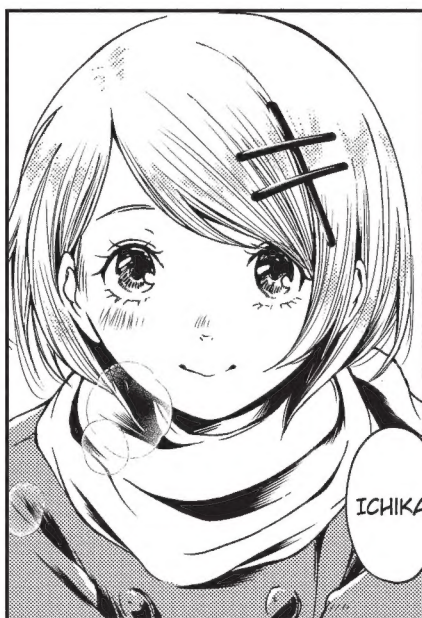
FROM
KINDER-
GARTEN
THROUGH
HIGH
SCHOOL.

MORNING!

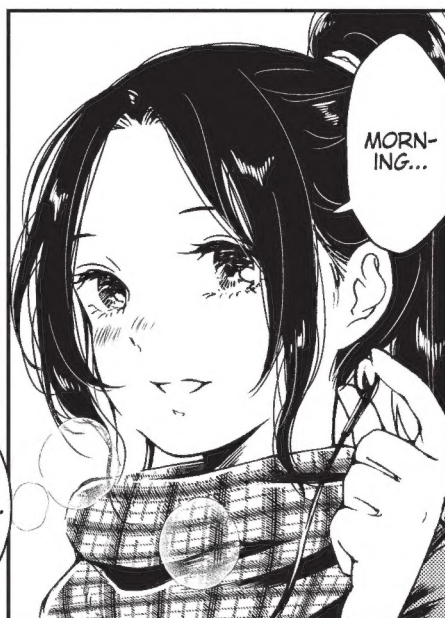
WE'VE
ALL BEEN
FRIENDS
EVER
SINCE...



SHUN.



ICHIKA.



MORN-
ING...



YOU
TWO
ARE SO
FUNNY!

SHUT
IT.

AND
YOU
SAY I'M
LAZY?

CAN
I?

YOU
CAN
COPY
IT TOO,
RICCHAN.

COME
ON,
GUYS.
NO
FIGHTING!

WHAT
?

I THINK
YOU'RE
JUST
LAZY.

I
WASN'T
ASKING
YOU,
RITSU.

AGAIN,
SHUN?

ICHIKA,
CAN I COPY
YOUR MATH
HOMEWORK?

I WAS
SO TIRED
AFTER
PRACTICE,
I FELL
ASLEEP
BEFORE
I COULD
DO IT.

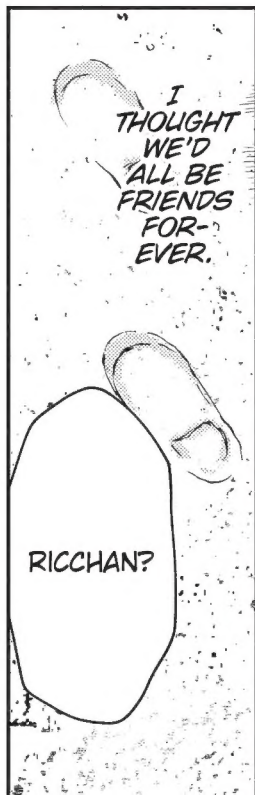


AND SHUN
BECAME
ICHIKA'S
BOY-
FRIEND

ICHIKA
BECAME
SHUN'S
GIRL-
FRIEND...

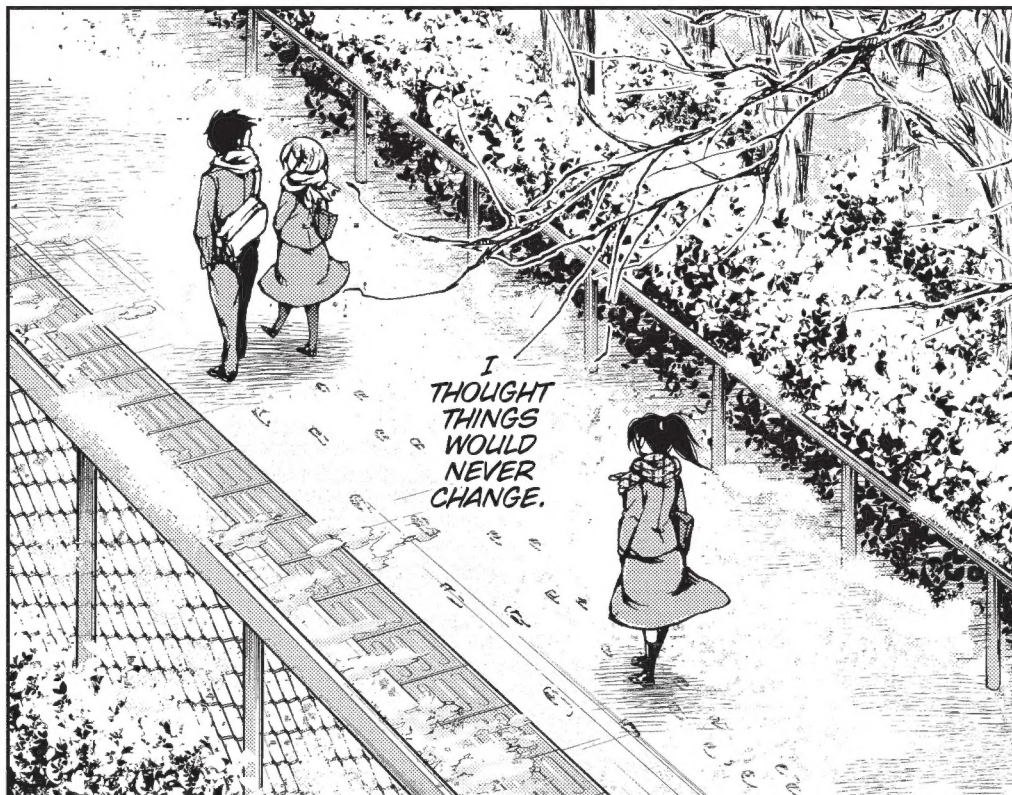


A
LITTLE
WHILE
BACK...

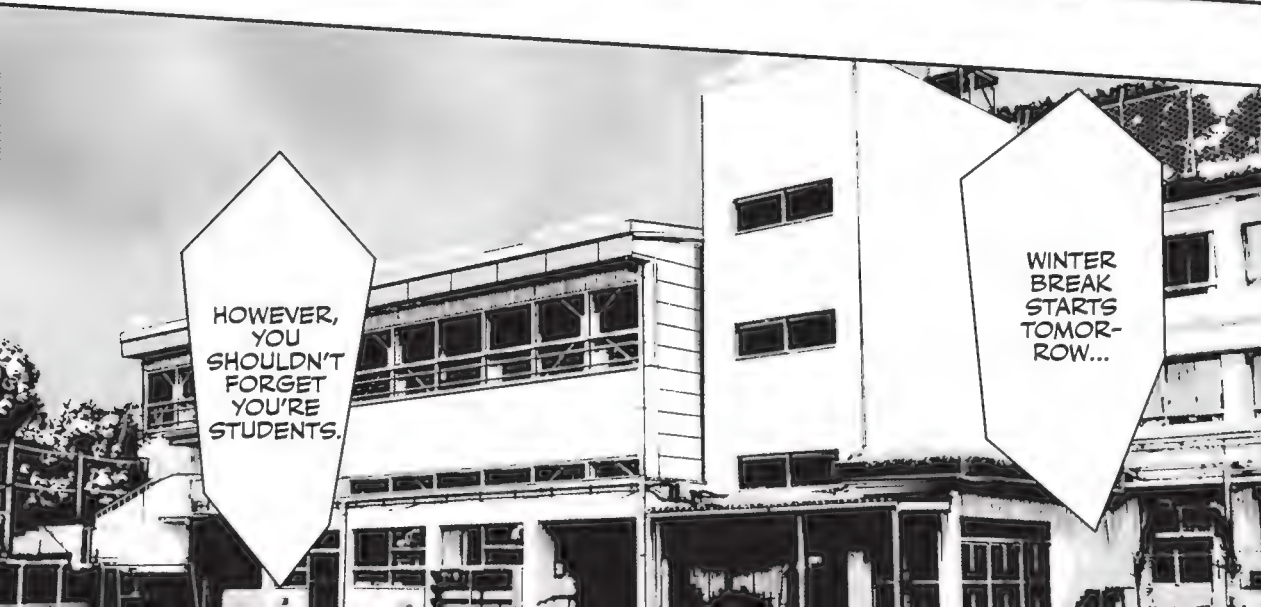
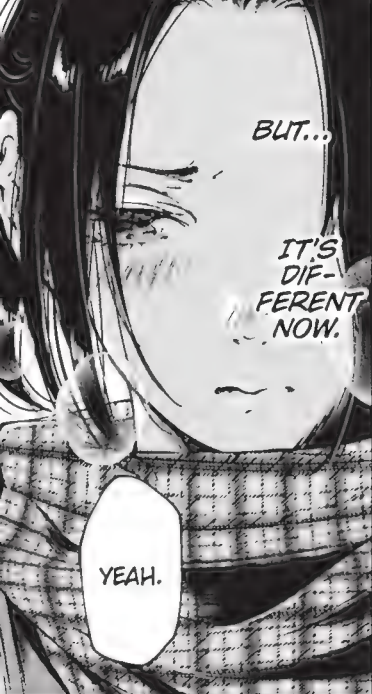


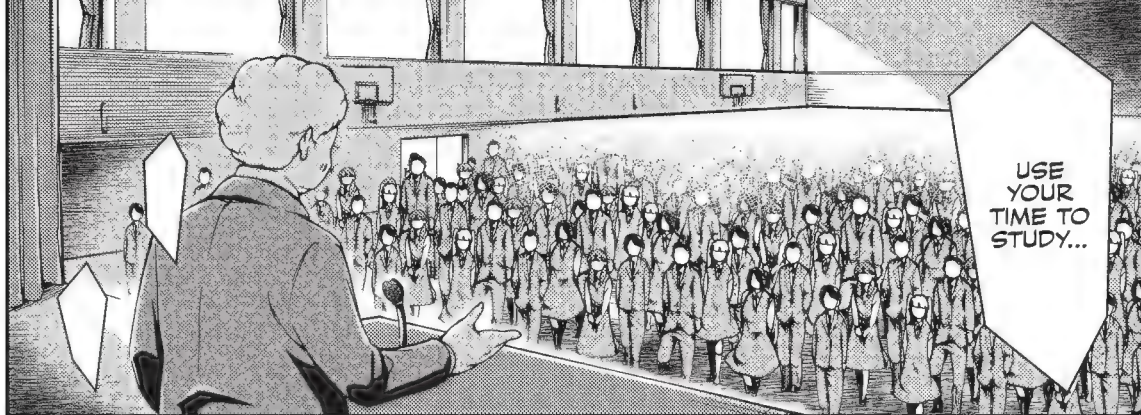
I
THOUGHT
WE'D
ALL BE
FRIENDS
FOR-
EVER.

RICCHAN?



I
THOUGHT
THINGS
WOULD
NEVER
CHANGE.





USE
YOUR
TIME TO
STUDY...



IT'S
NOT TILL
AFTER
NEW
YEAR'S.

IT'S A
PRACTICE
MATCH.

BUT
YEAH.



HUH
?!

A
MATCH
?!

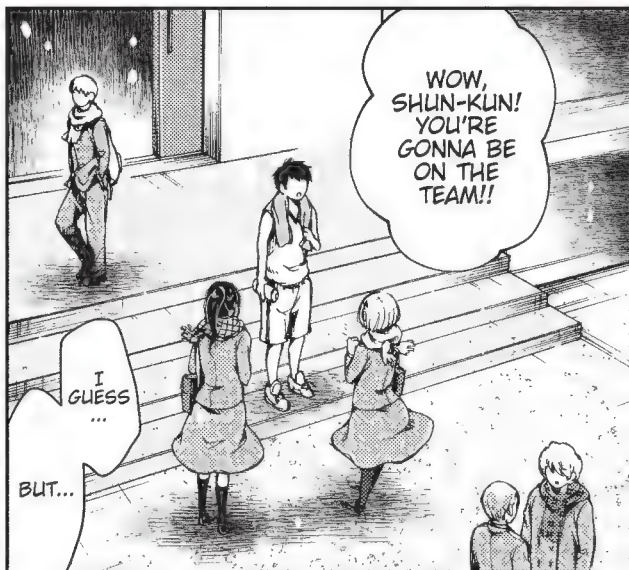
YOU'RE
GONNA
PLAY?!



IT'S ONLY
'CAUSE THE
BASKETBALL
TEAM
DOESN'T
HAVE ENOUGH
PLAYERS.

STILL, IT'S
AWESOME
NEWS!!
RIGHT,
RICCHAN?!

I'LL BE
PRACTICING
ALL BREAK,
SO I'M
NOT GOING
TO BE
AROUND
MUCH.



WOW,
SHUN-KUN!
YOU'RE
GONNA BE
ON THE
TEAM!!

I
GUESS
...

BUT...

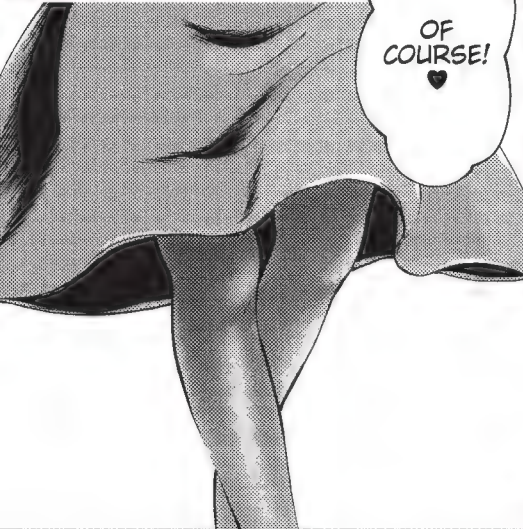


HUH ?!

I'M GOING TOO?!



OF COURSE! ♥



WE'LL COME AND CHEER YOU ON!

?!



BOTH OF US!!

!! HUG ♥



GOOD LUCK AT PRACTICE!

WELL, IF YOU'RE SURE...

SO JUST GO ON HOME WITHOUT ME.

I'M GONNA BE PRACTICING LATE TODAY.

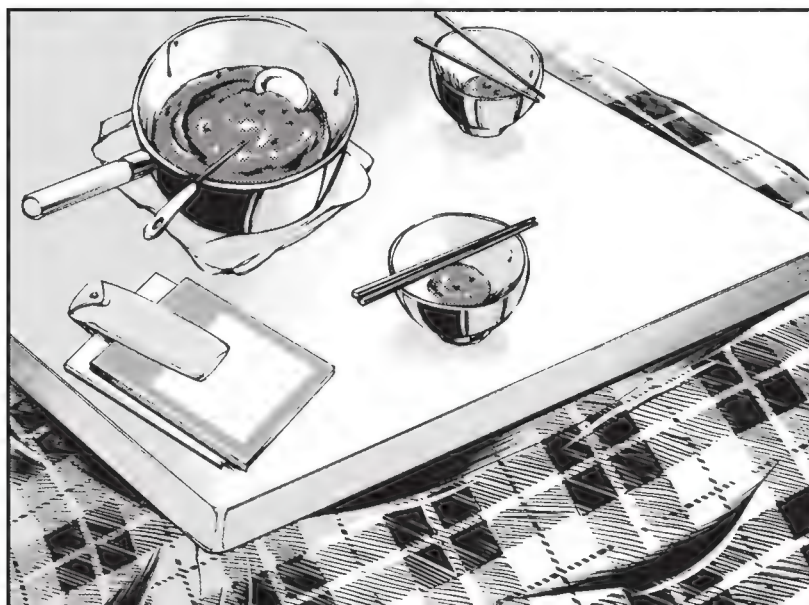
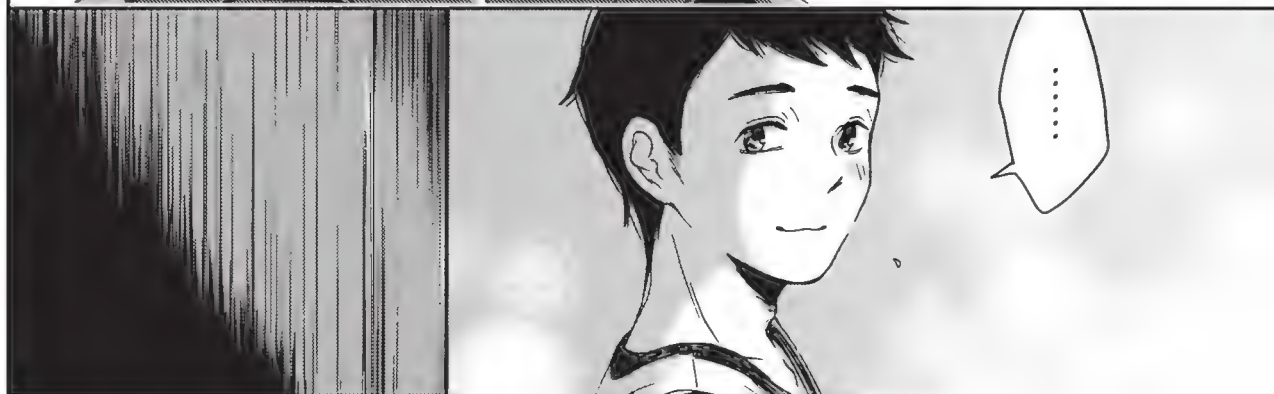
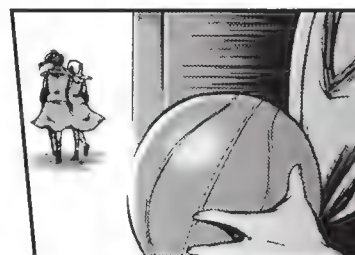


SURE.

YOU
ALWAYS
BURN THE
MOCHI,
ICHIKA.

HEY,
RICCHAN,
LET'S HAVE
ADZUKI SOUP
AS A SNACK!

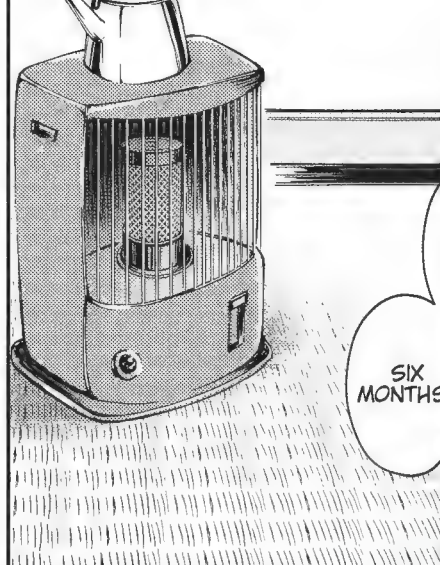
I WON'T
BURN IT
TODAY, I
SWEAR!







SINCE WHAT?



IT'S BEEN, WHAT?

SIX MONTHS?



RIGHT?

SINCE YOU STARTED DATING SHUN...



HEY...

HAVE YOU KISSED HIM YET?



MORE LIKE FOUR MONTHS.



UH...

WELL ...

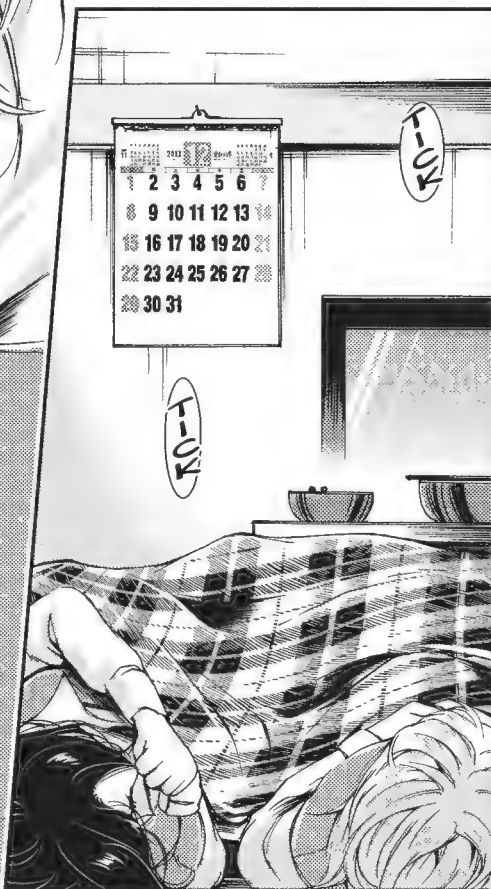
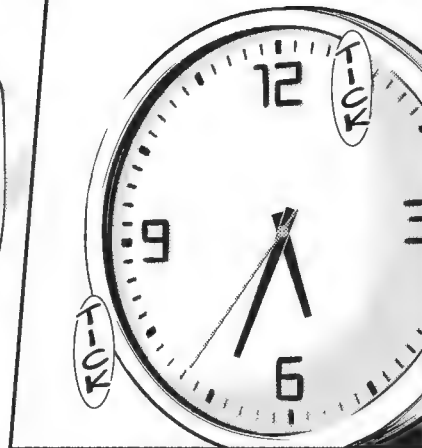


BUT,
FOR
SOME
REASON
...

IT
JUST
FEELS
WEIRD.

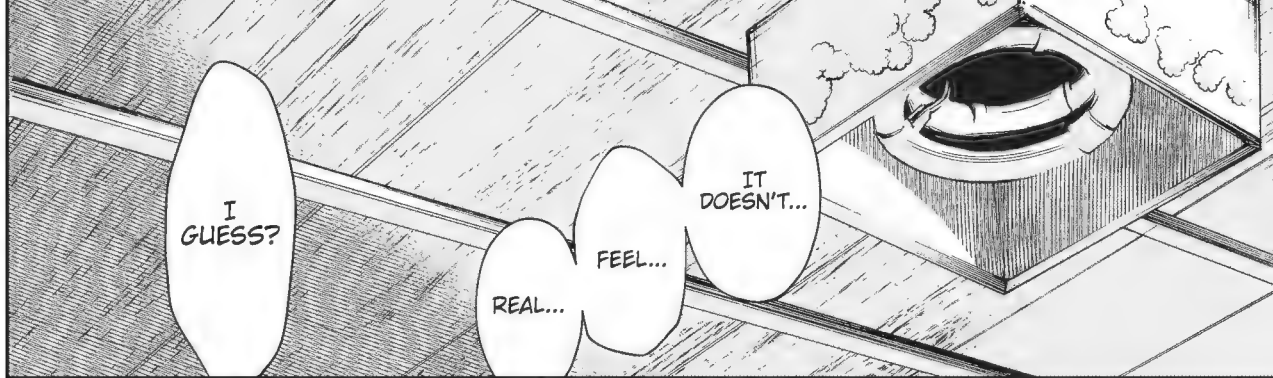
MAYBE
BECAUSE
I
THOUGHT
...

THE
THREE OF
US WOULD
BE FRIENDS
FOREVER.

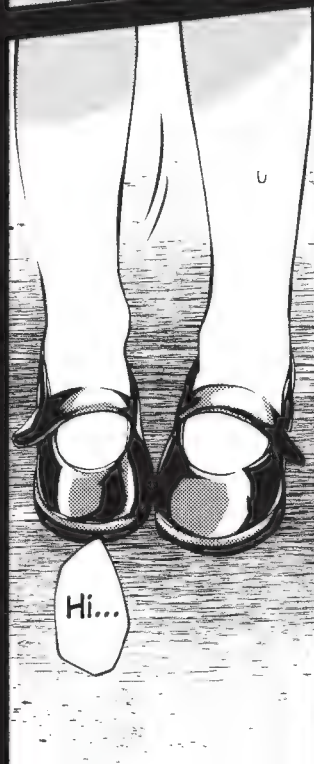
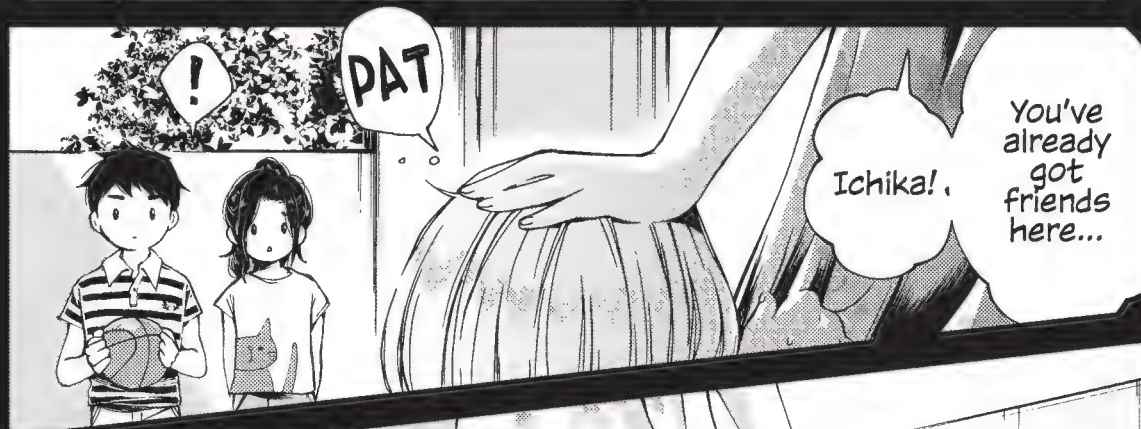


YEAH.

KINDA.









Hello!

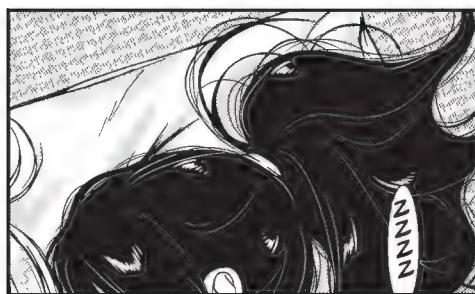
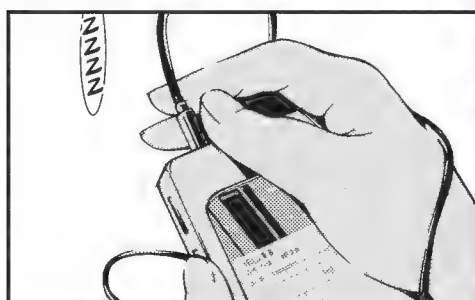
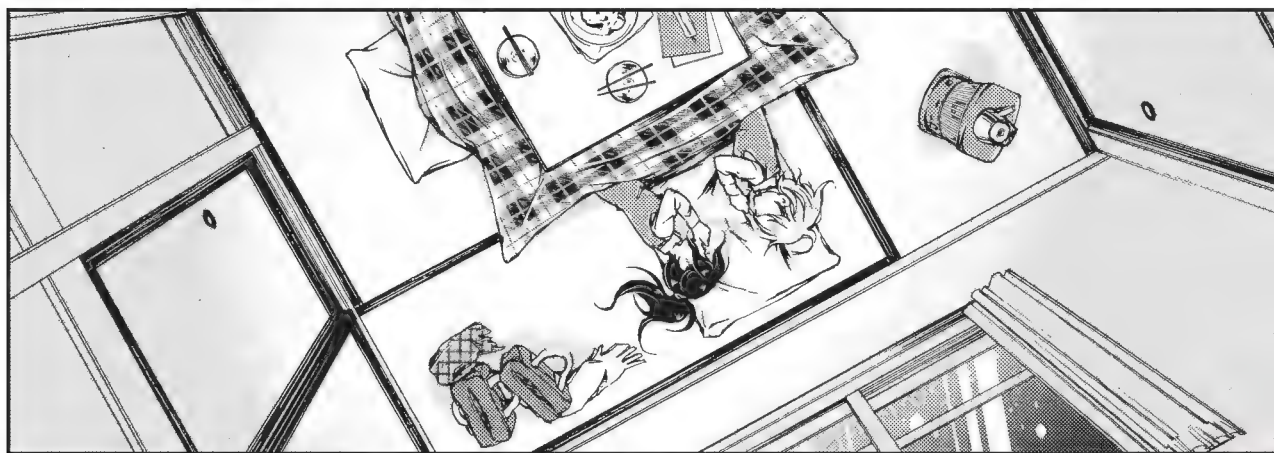


EVER
SINCE
THAT
DAY...

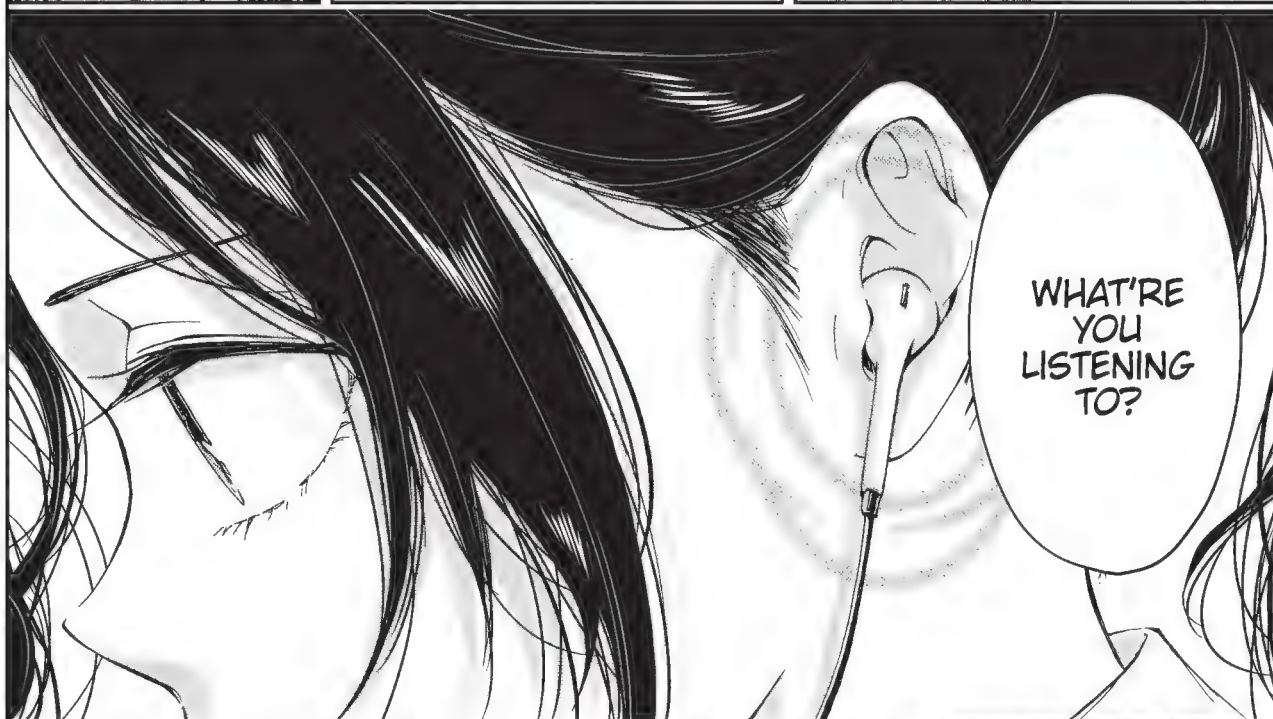


HAVE
BEEN THE
BEST OF
FRIENDS.

THE
THREE
OF US...







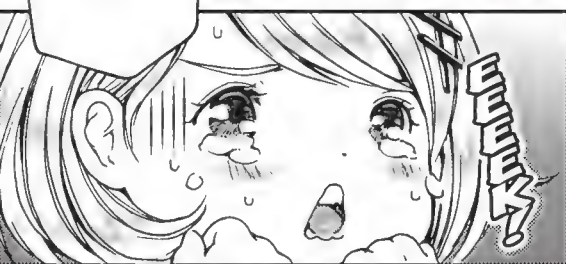


IF YOU REALLY WANNA LISTEN...

HEH...

THAT'S WHAT YOU'RE LISTENING TO?!

I'LL PUT IT ON FOR YOU.



EYES



W H A A A ?!

IT'S A SCARY STORY.

SHUDDER



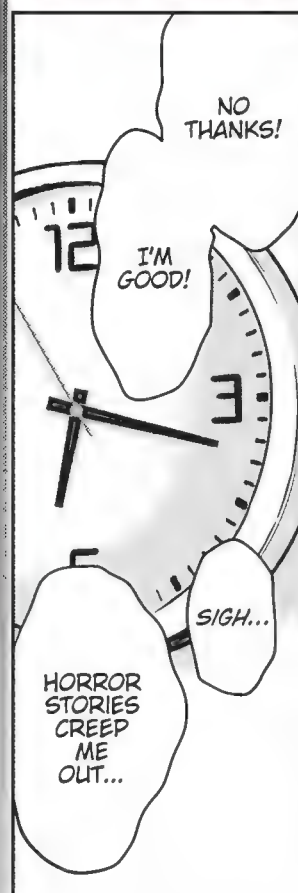
HEY?

WILL YOU CLEAN MY EARS AGAIN?

EVER SINCE YESTER-DAY...

I FEEL LIKE I NEED IT.

PLEASE?



NO THANKS!

I'M GOOD!

SIGH...

HORROR STORIES CREEP ME OUT...



I'M HOME!

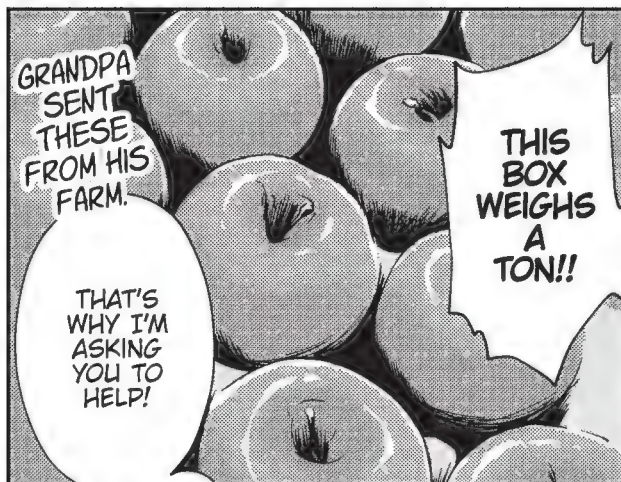
I'M SO HUNGRY!

OH!

SHUN?



SURE.



GRANDPA SENT THESE FROM HIS FARM.

THIS BOX WEIGHS A TON!!

THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO HELP!



YEAH?

CAN YOU TAKE THESE...



SORRY!

MAKE SURE THEY MAKE IT INSIDE, OKAY?

SHFF...

WHAT A PAIN IN THE ASS...

WELL, GET GOING!



OVER TO RICCHAN'S?

WITH LOVE FROM THE NORTH
APPLES

WHUMP

WAH?!



HAH!

UNGH!

AH!

PHH!

HAH!

AH!

HAH!

AH...

HAH!

OH!

UNGH!

TWITCH

X

...

FEEL GOOD, ICHIKA? DOES THAT...

HAH!

AH!

UH-HUH...

YEAH.

HAH!

RICCHAN ...!

HAH!



HUH?

WHEN'D WE
START
DOING
THIS?



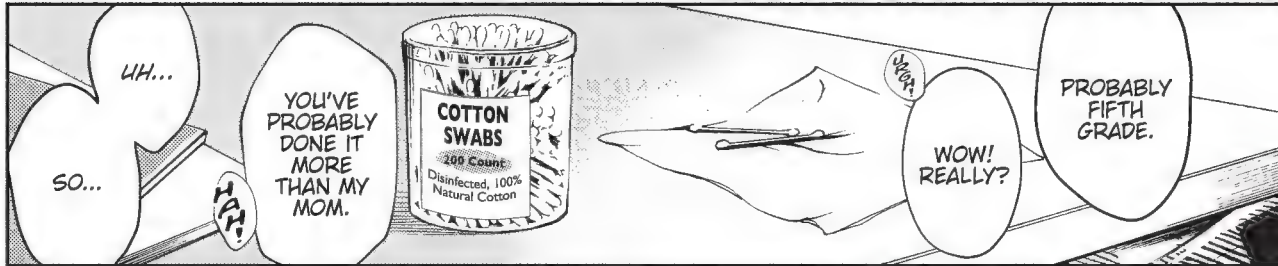
HA!

IT'S
FEELS
SO
GOOD...

WHEN
YOU
DO IT,
RICCHAN.

SIGH!

MAN...



UH...

SO...

HA!

YOU'VE
PROBABLY
DONE IT
MORE
THAN MY
MOM.



UH?

WOW!
REALLY?

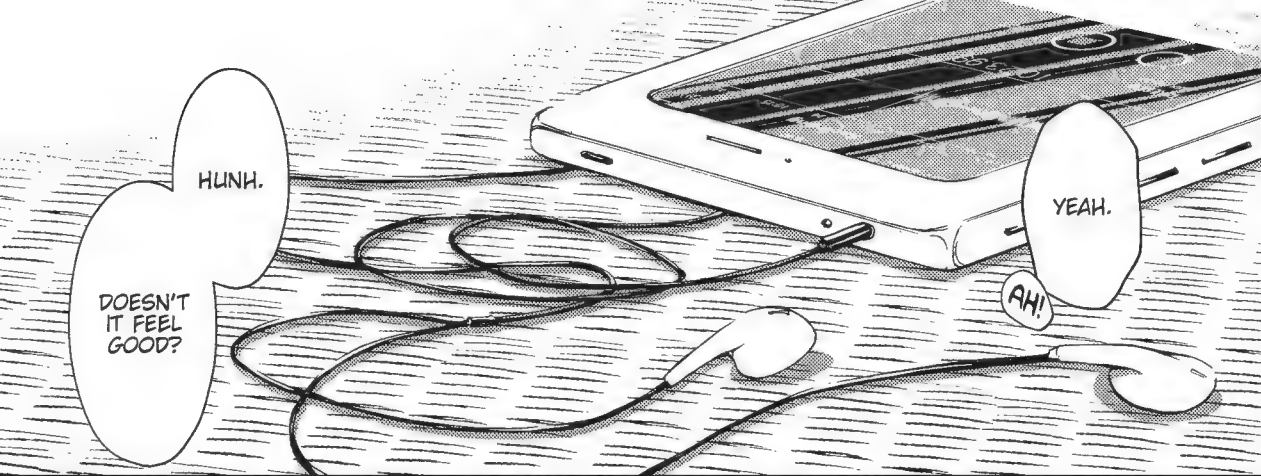
PROBABLY
FIFTH
GRADE.



DO
YOU DO
THIS
FOR
SHUN...

AS
WELL?

HA!



HUNH.

DOESN'T
IT FEEL
GOOD?

YEAH.

AH!



BUT
IT'S NOT
LIKE IT'S
ANY-
THING
NEW
FOR
YOU...

HAW!



IT'S
FINE
WHEN
YOU
DO IT.

IT'S
CAUSE
SHUN'S
A
GUY...



I'M
SCARED,
I
SUPPOSE.



UH,
NO.

I
JUST
DO IT
ON MY
OWN.

I
DON'T
HAVE
HIM DO
IT FOR
ME.

OOH!

WHY
NOT?



BUT
WITH
YOU,
RICCHAN...

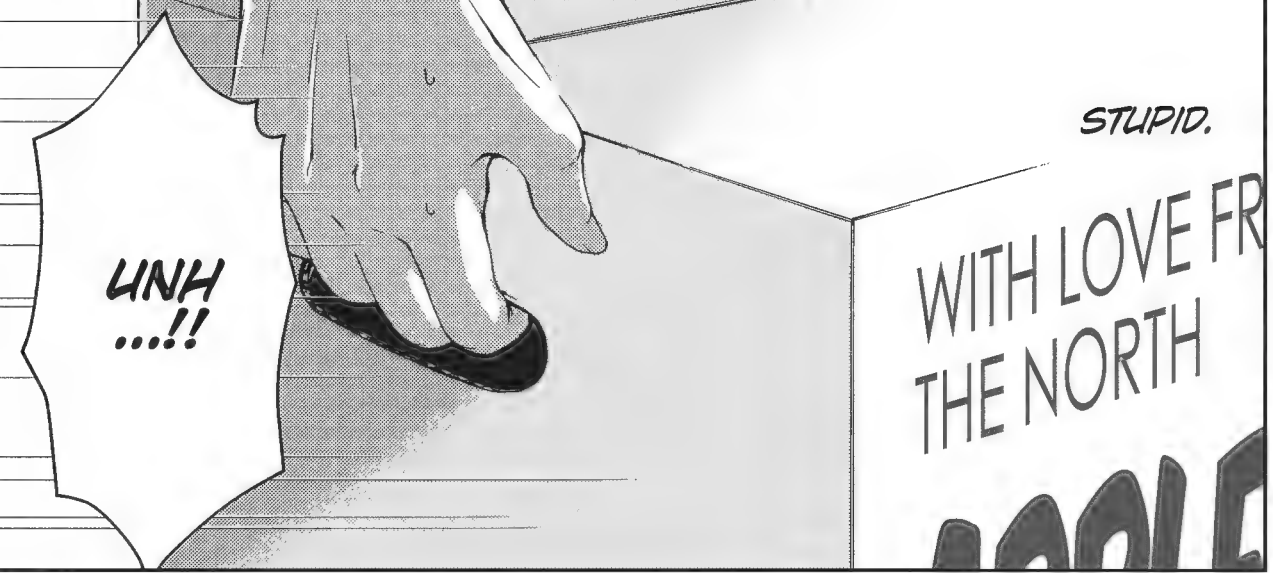
I
DON'T
FEEL
SCARED.

I'M
SAFE.

I
TRUST
YOU.



YOU
DON'T
EVEN
KNOW
WHAT'S
GOING
ON.



IT'S
PROBABLY
UNLOCKED.

GRAB

ICHIKA?

COTTON
SWABS

200 Count
Disinfected, 100%
Natural Cotton

FALL
ASLEEP
AGAIN?

DID
YOU...



NO
FAIR...



ZZZ

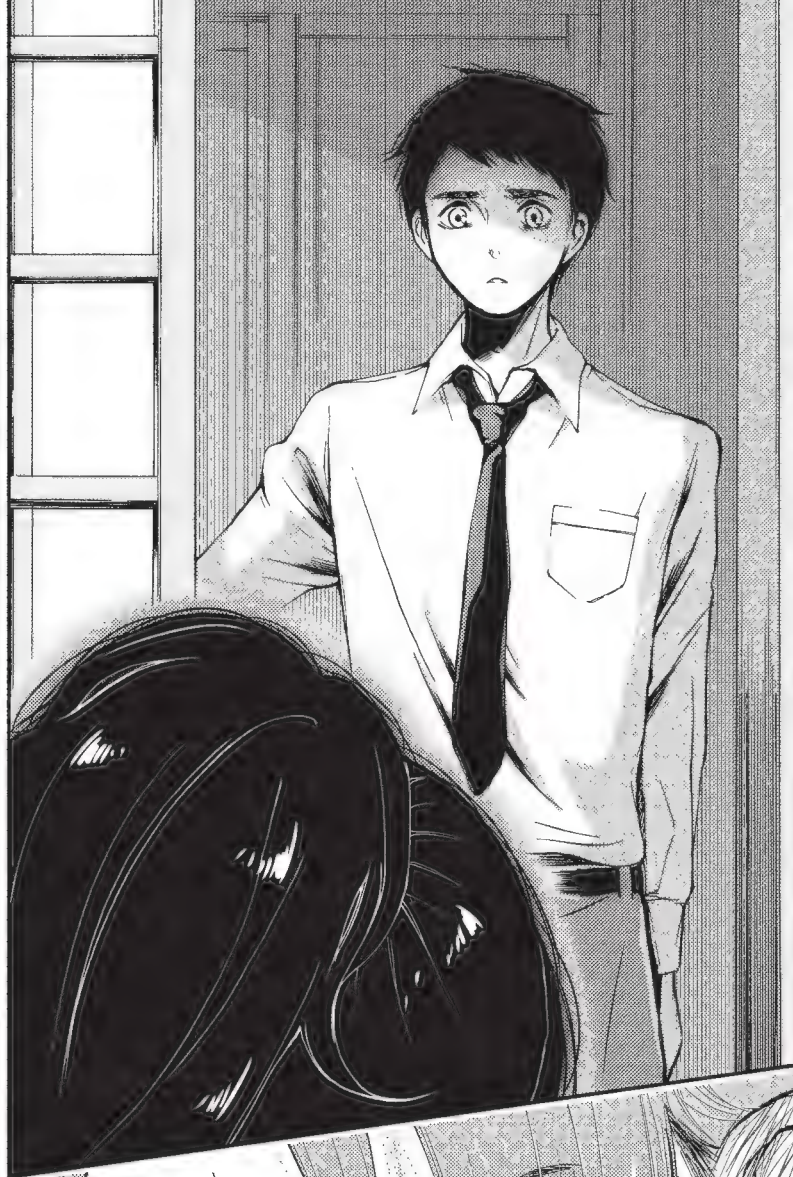
ZZZ

ZZZ

ZZZ







WHAT
THE...?

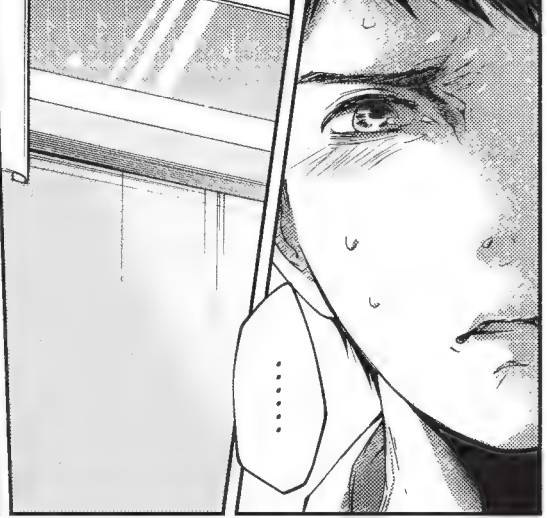
ZZZ

ZZZ

ZZZ



Chapter 2



YAWN
...

HUH?



OOH!

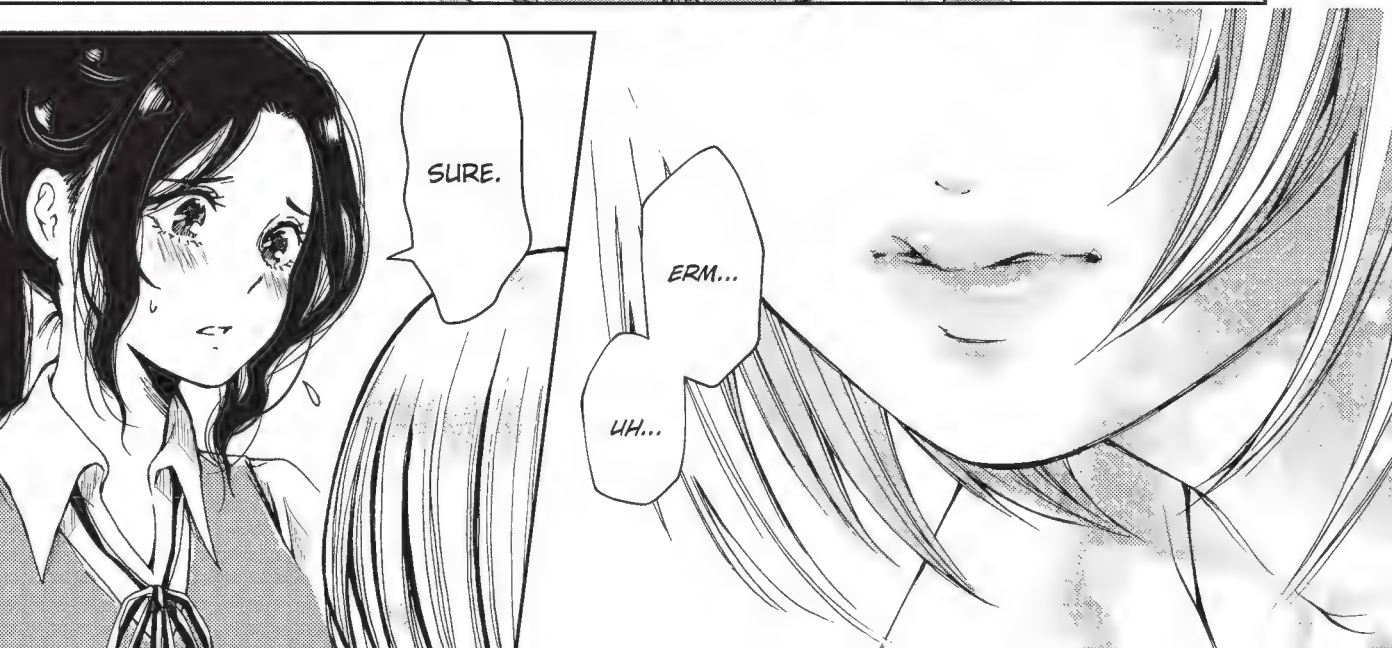
ARE
THOSE
...?



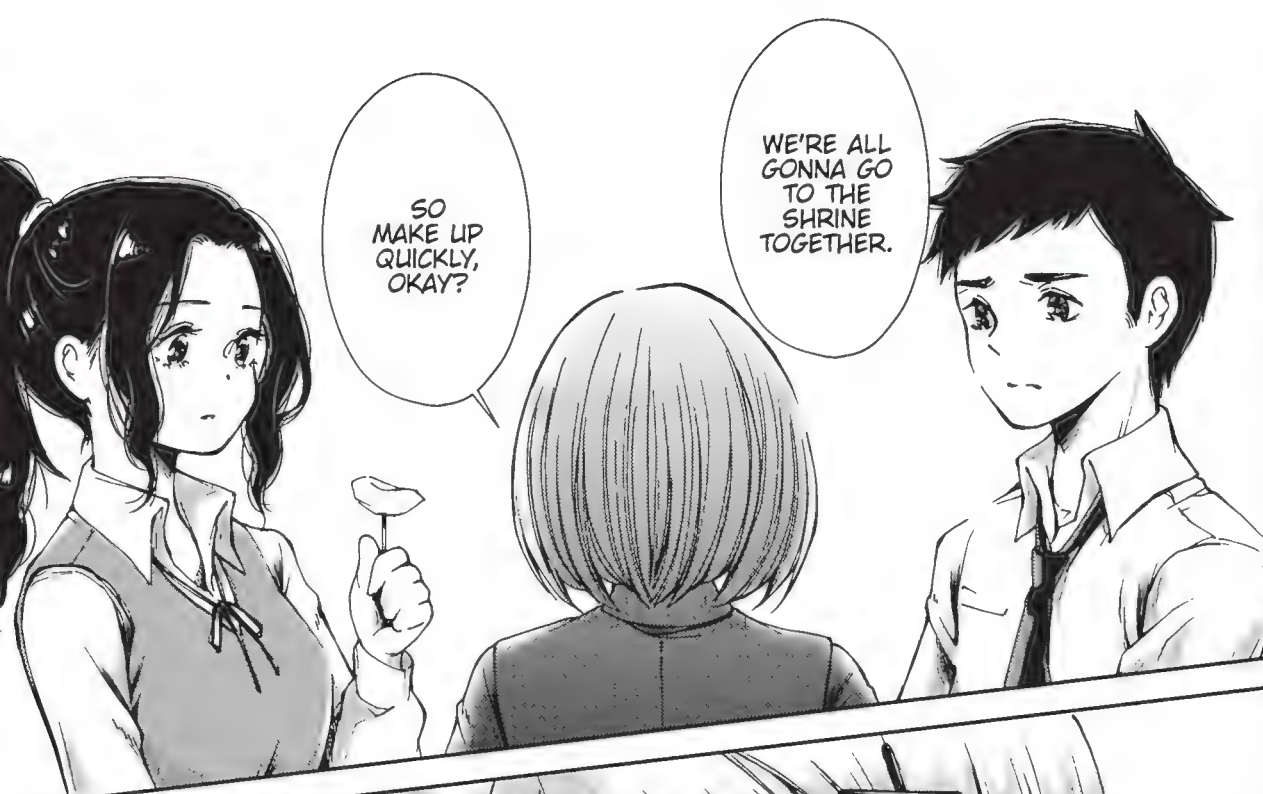
I FELL
ASLEEP
AGAIN?

HUH?

OH,
SHUN-
KUN'S
HERE...











I'M...
SO SORRY.
HAH!

HAH!
I JUST...

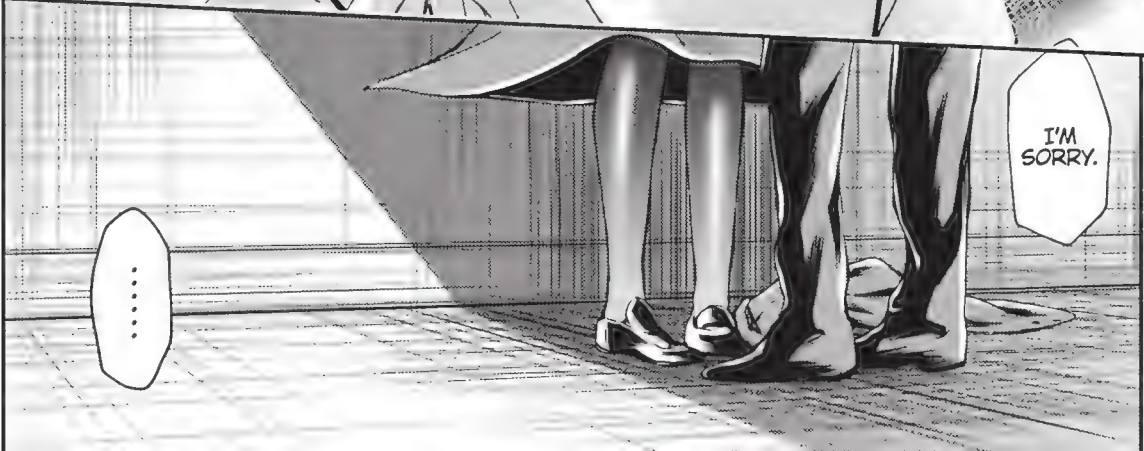
HAH!

SHUN
...
KUN
...

HAH!

I'M SORRY.

.....





AND
THEN
IT WAS
NEW
YEAR'S
DAY...



THE
THREE
OF US
DIDN'T
HANG
OUT AT
ALL.

AFTER
THAT...

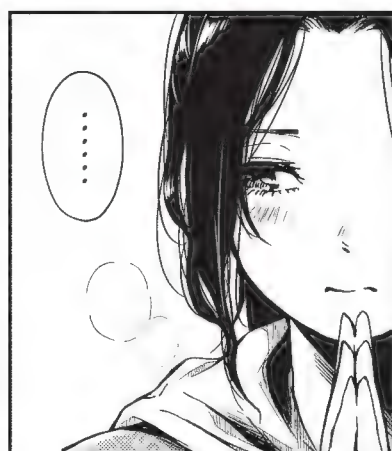
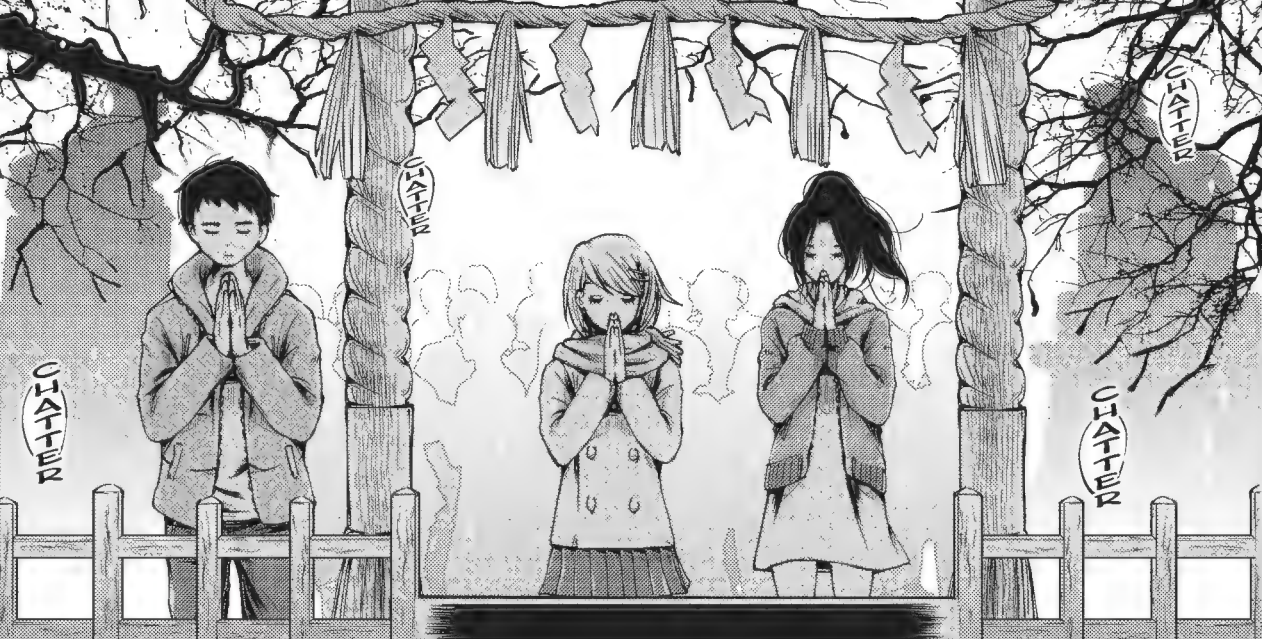


CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER

CHATTER





HOW ABOUT YOU, RICCHAN?

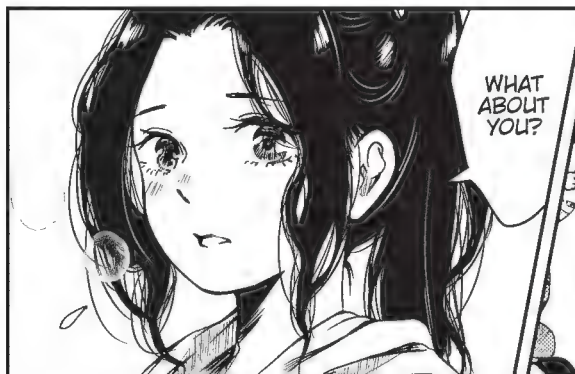


YOUR TEAM HASN'T EVEN MADE IT TO THE SEMI-FINALS OF THE REGIONAL TOURNAMENT YET.

WINNING AT NATIONALS!

THIS YEAR WE'RE GONNA GO THE DISTANCE!

DREAM BIG, SHUN-KUN...



WHAT ABOUT YOU?



SERIOUSLY?! BORING!

ERM, I WISHED FOR MY ENTRANCE EXAMS TO GO WELL.

SHUT IT!

THAT'S ALL.



WOULD ALL GET ALONG AGAIN...

I WISHED...

THAT THE THREE OF US...







RICCHAN...

WHY?



MY
CHEST
HURTS
WHEN
I'M
AROUND
HER.



WHY
IS IT SO
DIFFERENT
FROM THE
WAY I FEEL
ABOUT
SHUN-
KUN?

HAH!

WHY?

WHY
CAN'T
I LOOK
RICCHAN
IN THE
EYE
WHEN I
TALK TO
HER?

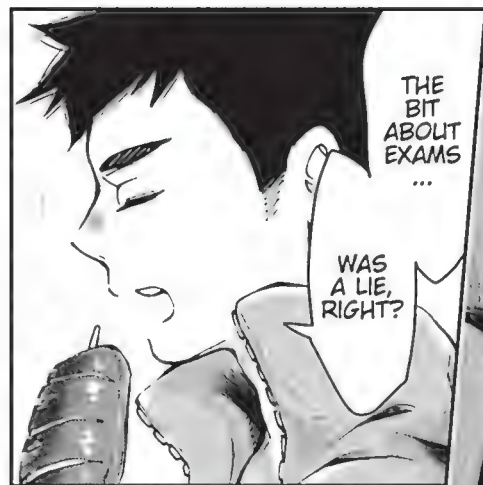




YOU...



WISHED
FOR
SOME-
THING
ELSE,
DIDN'T
YOU?

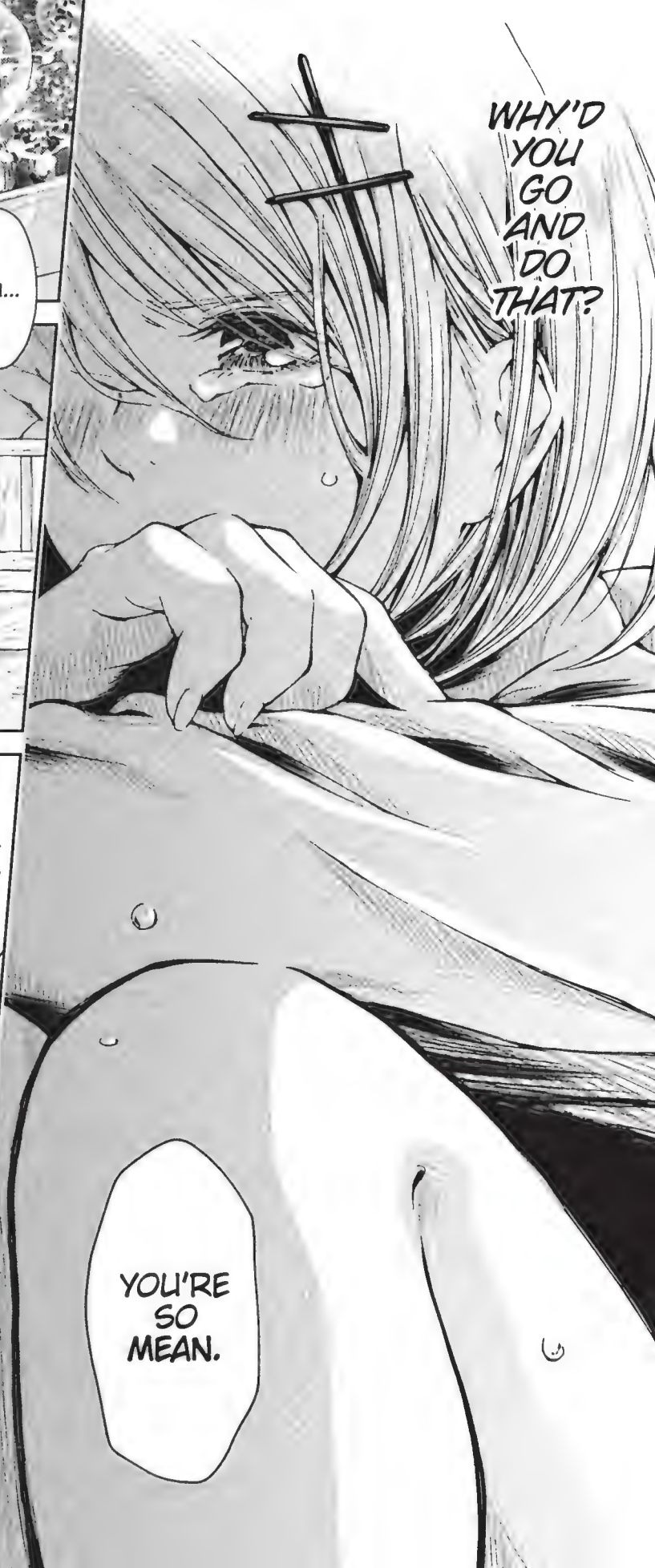


THE
BIT
ABOUT
EXAMS
...

WAS
A LIE,
RIGHT?



YEAH.
I
WISHED
...



WHY'D
YOU
GO
AND
DO
THAT?

YOU'RE
SO
MEAN.



HEY...



THAT
THE TWO
OF YOU
WOULD
BREAK
UP.

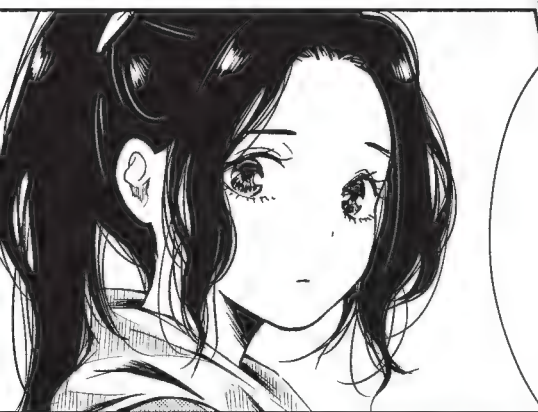
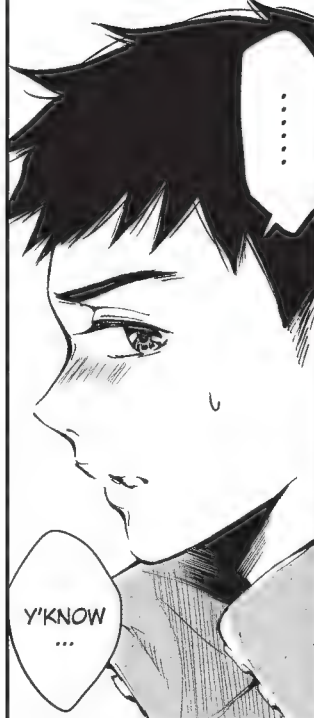


WITH
THAT
KISS?

WHAT
WAS
UP...



ARE
YOU IN
LOVE WITH
ICHIKA
OR
SOMETHING?





SOME-
THING.
ANY-
THING.

JUST
BE
HONEST!
TELL ME
I'M GROSS
FOR LIKING
HER!

H-HOW
CAN YOU
BE SO
STUPID BUT
ACT ALL
MATURE?!



AND
YOU
CALL
ME
STUPID?



WHY'D
YOU
START
DATING
HER?

WHY'D
YOU
ASK
HER
OUT?



WHY
COULDN'T
YOU JUST
LET US
ALL STAY
FRIENDS?!



IT'S
YOUR
FAULT,
SHUN.

ALL
OF IT'S
YOUR
FAULT.



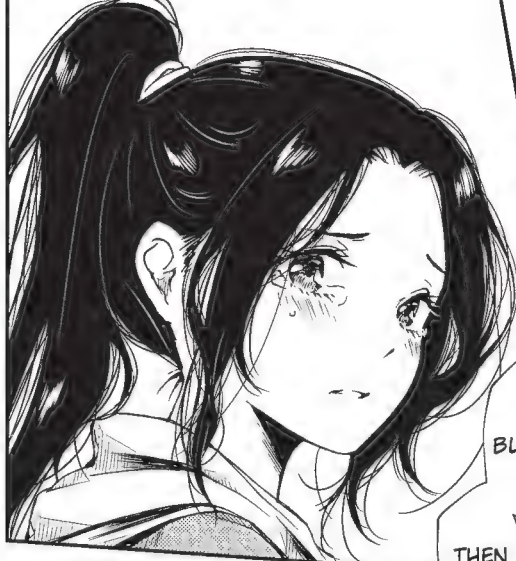


I
THINK THE
PERSON
WHO
SECRETLY
KISSED
THEIR
SLEEPING
FRIEND IS
THE REAL
BAD GUY.

BUT
FINE.

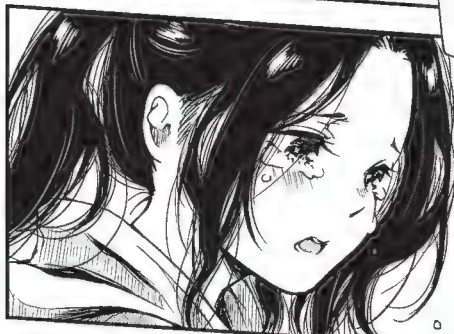
BUT
I'M NOT
GONNA
TO GIVE
UP.

IF YOU
WANNA
HATE ME,
HATE ME.



BUT...

THEN
...



IT'S
...

IT'S
OVER.



I
HAVEN'T
GOT A
CHANCE.

I
LOVE
ICHIKA.



THE
MOMENT I
THOUGHT
THAT...

THEY
WON'T BE
RETURNED.

THESE
FEELINGS
I HAVE...

THAT'S
WHAT I
WISHED
FOR.

IS WHEN
MY LOVE
FOR HER
BEGAN TO
GROW.



ICHIKA...

MY
HEART
HURTS
SO
BADLY.







YEAH,
YOU'RE
RIGHT.



YEAH.

I'M
NOT A
KID ANY-
MORE...

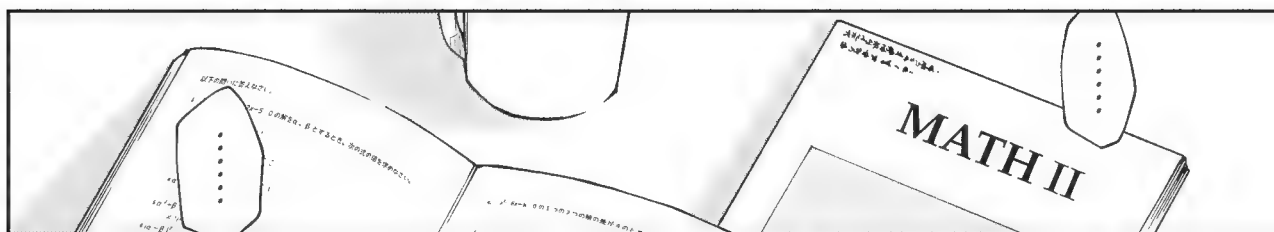
JEEZ!

OF
COURSE!



IT WAS
NEW YEAR'S
DAY AND
WE HADN'T
GOTTEN
TOGETHER
LIKE THAT
IN A
WHILE...

DID YOU
GET ALL
YOUR
ERRANDS
DONE?



NO.

WILL
YOU
CLEAN
MY
EARS?

HEY,
RICCHAN.

UGH!

I'M
TIRED OF
HOMEWORK.



RICCHAN?



ARE YOU
REALLY
IN LOVE
WITH
SHUN?

HEY,
ICHIKA?



YOU'RE
JUST AS
IMPORTANT
TO ME...

AS
HE IS,
RIC-
CHAN--

THAT'S
NOT
WHAT
I'M
ASKING!

YEAH.

BUT...



**YOU
TWO
PAIRED
OFF AND
LEFT ME
BEHIND!**

**YOU'RE
AN IDIOT
IF YOU
THINK WE
CAN ALL
GET ALONG
FOREVER!**

**YOU
TOTALLY
ABANDONED
ME,
ICHIKA!**




FINE!

**RIC-
CHAN--**

IT...

**IT
WASN'T
LIKE
THAT!**



WOULD
YOU
HAVE
GONE OUT
WITH
ME
INSTEAD?!

TH-
THEN...

YOU'RE
ACTING
WEIRD,
RICCHAN.

HUH?

RICCHAN
...

WHAT
DO YOU
MEAN?

WHY
DIDN'T
YOU
PICK
ME?

IF I'D
ASKED
YOU OUT
BEFORE
HE DID
...

YOU
ARE...

AND
ALWAYS
WILL
BE...



NO!

OKAY?

MY
BEST...

FRIEND.

I
CAN'T...

I CAN'T
STAND
BEING
"JUST
FRIENDS"
ANYMORE!



ICHIKA
...

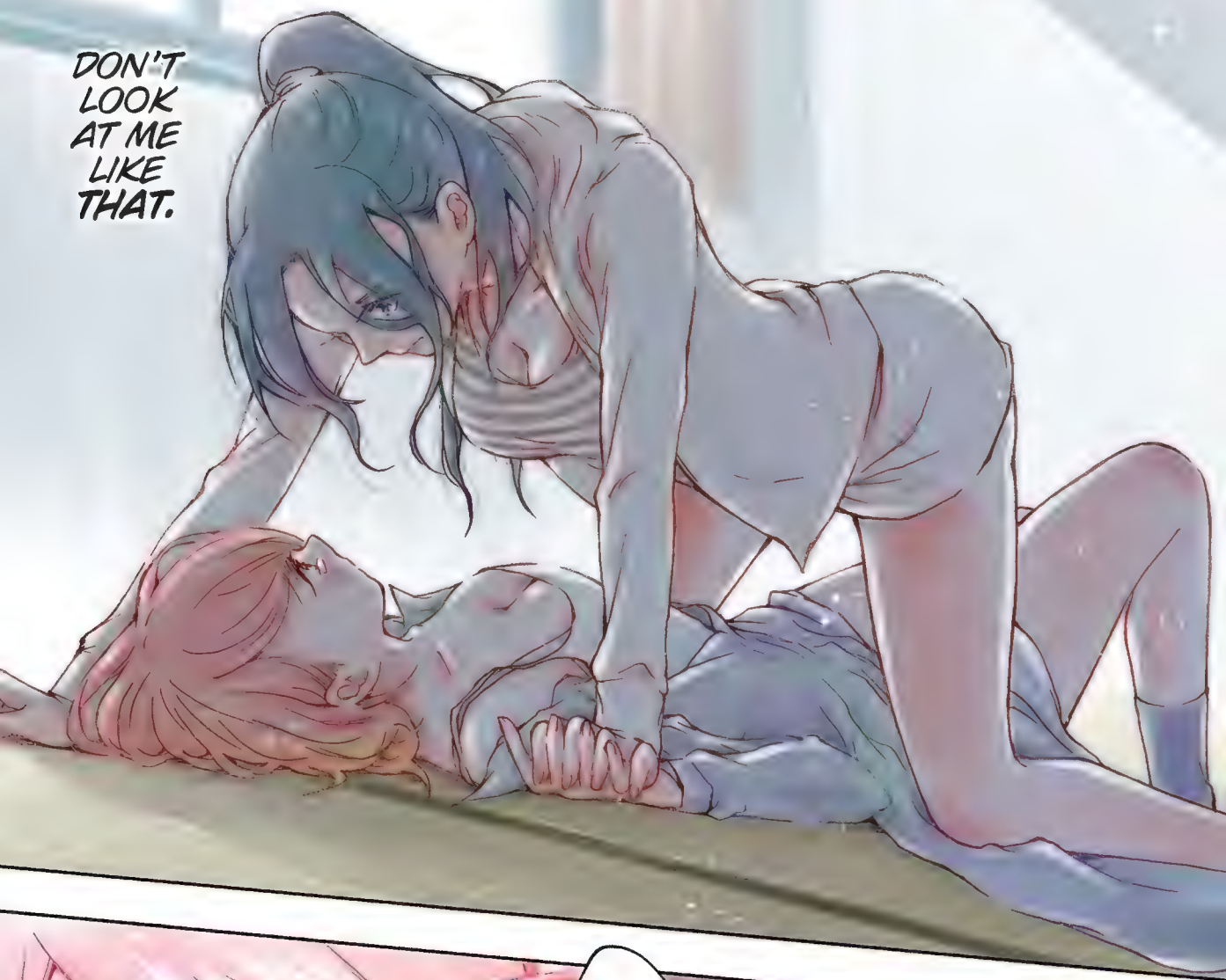
I...

ICHIKA
...



IS THAT
WHY YOU
KISSED
ME?

DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
LIKE
THAT.



RICHIAN!

WITH SO
MUCH
SORROW
IN YOUR
VOICE.

DON'T
SAY MY
NAME...





Chapter 3

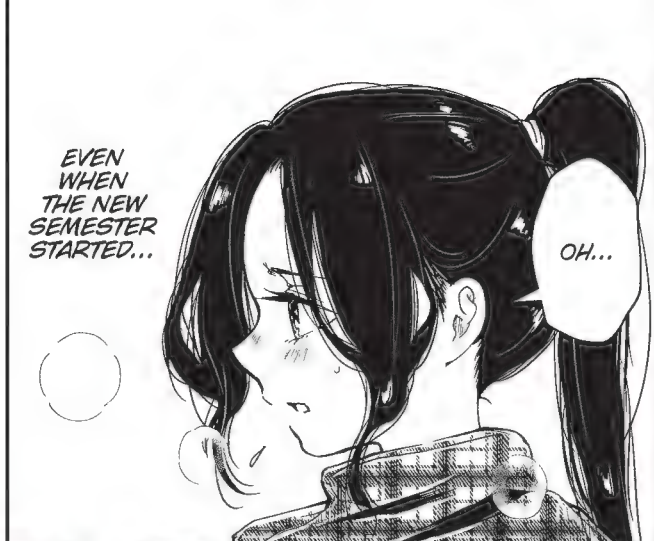
Transparent
Light Blue







THE TWO OF THEM WERE AS CLOSE AS EVER.





THEN
I DON'T
MIND
BECOMING
THE BAD
GUY.

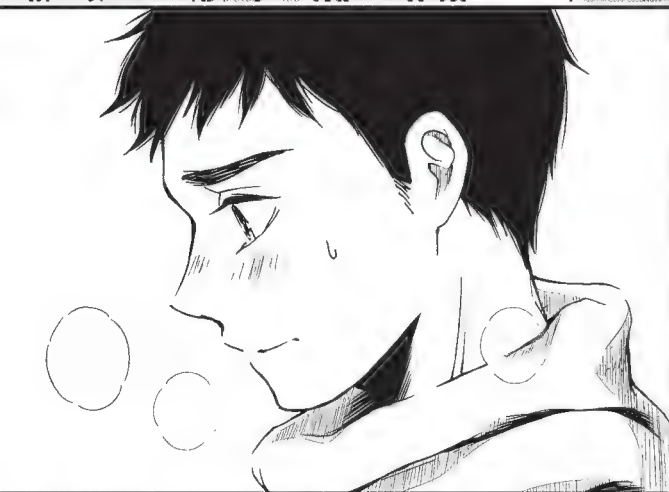


WE'RE
PLAYING
WEST
HIGH.



HEY,
SO...

NEXT
SATUR-
DAY...





YOU
SHOULD
GO.



HE'LL
BE SO
HAPPY
IF YOU
GO
CHEER
FOR HIM.



YOU'RE
HIS
GIRL-
FRIEND,
RIGHT?

RICCHAN
...



I
MEAN...

I'M
NOT
GOING
TO GO.

SHUN'LL
JUST BE
ANNOYED
IF I'M
THERE.

NO,
RICCHAN!



SHUN
...

REALLY
LIKES
YOU
A LOT,
ICHIKA.

WHAT
ABOUT
YOU,
RICCHAN?



YEAH.



ARE YOU
REALLY
OKAY
WITH NOT
GOING?



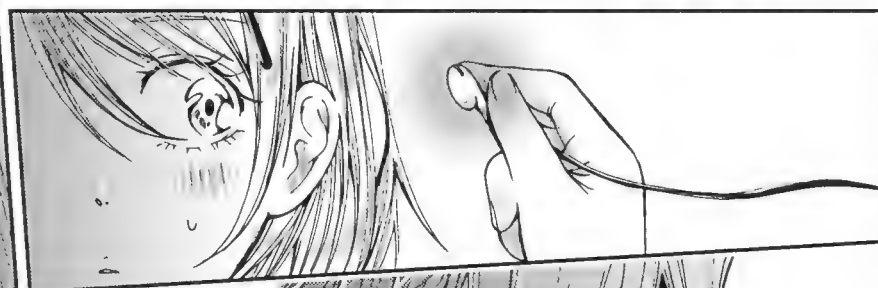
WHY
WOULDN'T
I BE?

OF
COURSE...

I
AM.

CLENCH





I...I
RECORDED
YOU. HERE,
LISTEN. YOU
SOUNDED
SO SEXY.



WAIT,
WHAT?!



HA!

RIC-
CHAN
?!

ICHIKA...

DOES
IT FEEL
GOOD?

HA!

HA!

HA!

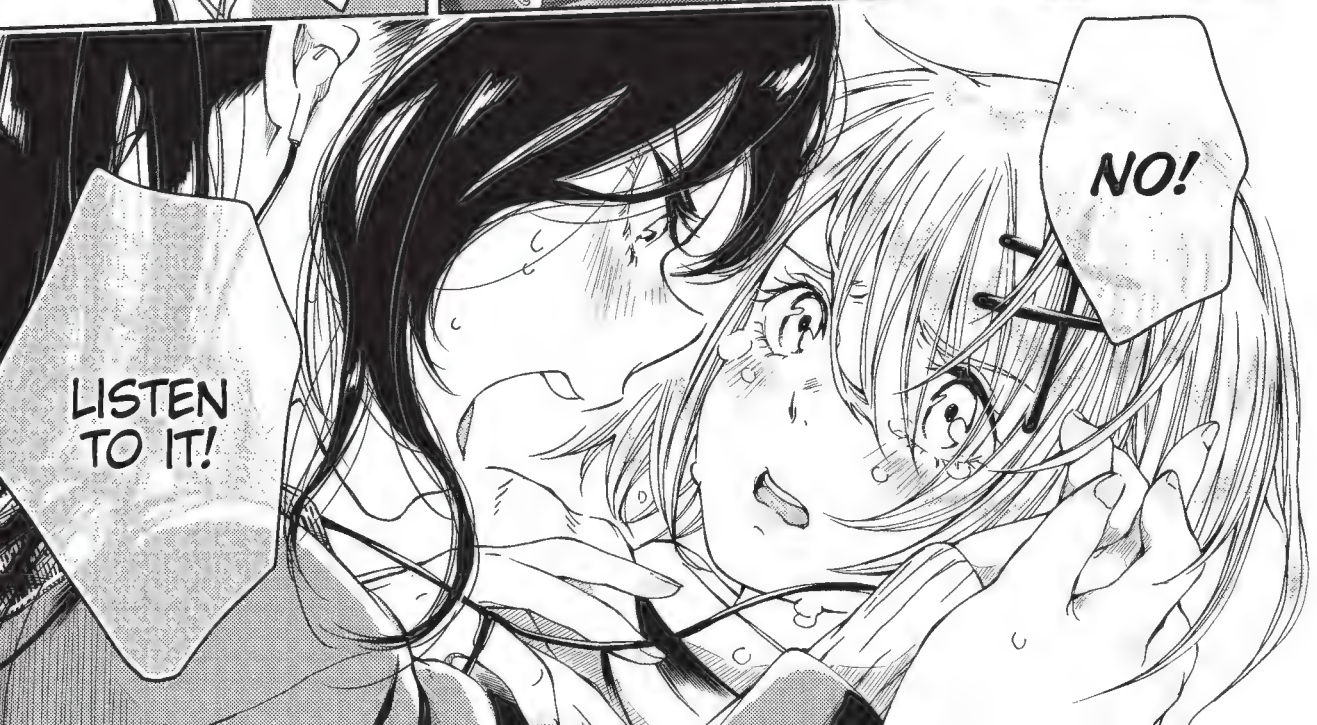
HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!

HA!





AH!

AHH!

UGH!

AHH!

TAKE
IT
OUT!

AHH!

IT
HURTS
...

RIC-
CHAN?

AH!

AH!

YOU'RE
GOING...

HOLD
STILL,
ICHIKA.

TOO
DEEP...

JUST
HOLD
ON...

A
LITTLE
LONG-
ER.

AH!
AH!

UGH!

AAAAH!

UGH!



AH!

HAH!

AHH!

OOH!

NO!

RIC-
CHAN
...!

UNGH!

AH!

AH!

AH!

NO!

AH!

WOW...

IT'S SO
EMBAR-
RASSING!

DON'T
LOOK
AT ME
LIKE
THAT!

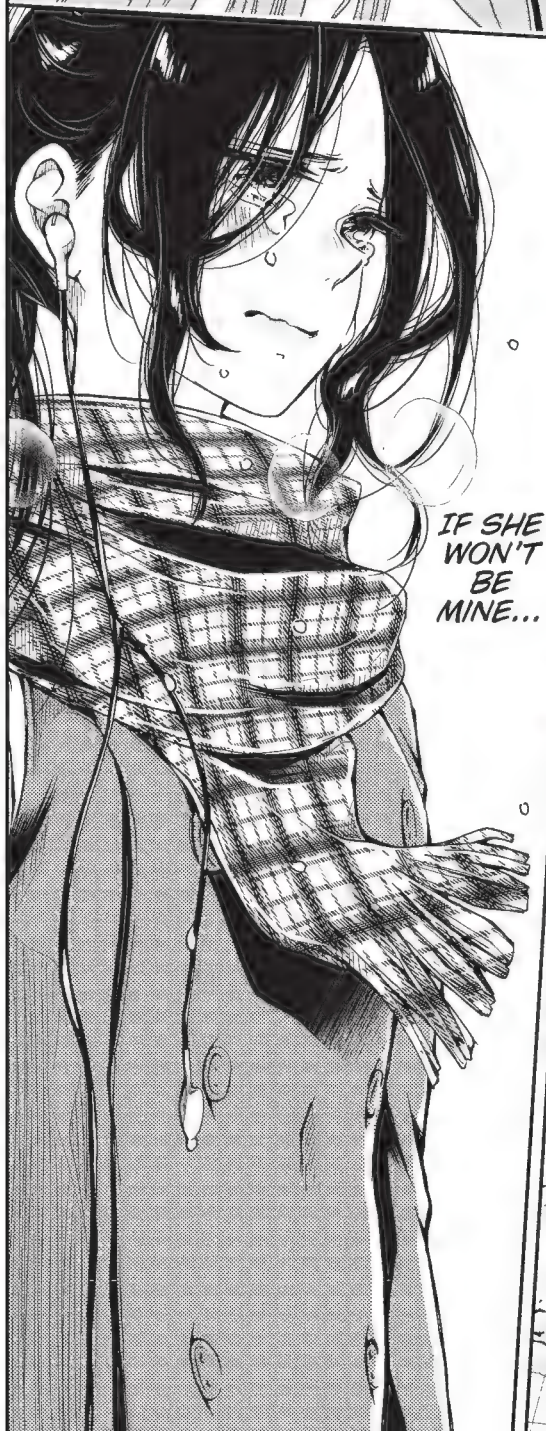
LOOK
HOW
MUCH
CAME
OUT...

AH!
♡

AH!

AH!

AHH!



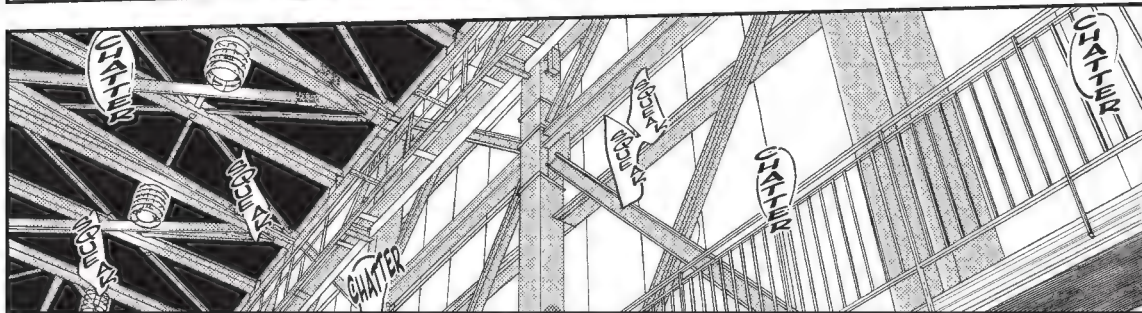
IF SHE
WON'T
BE
MINE...

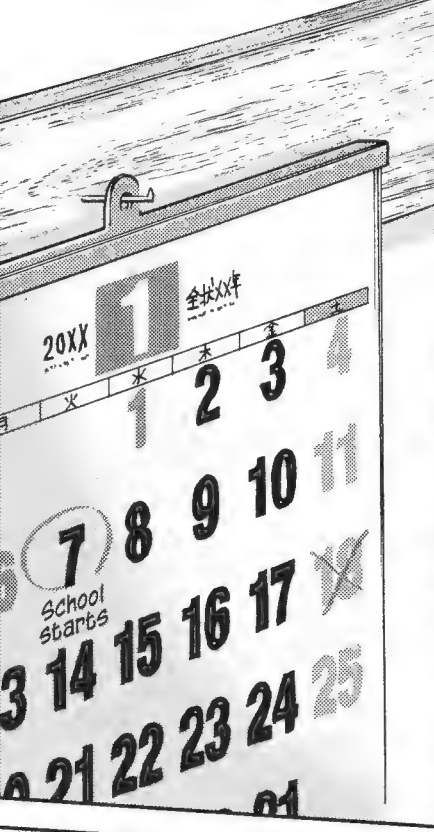


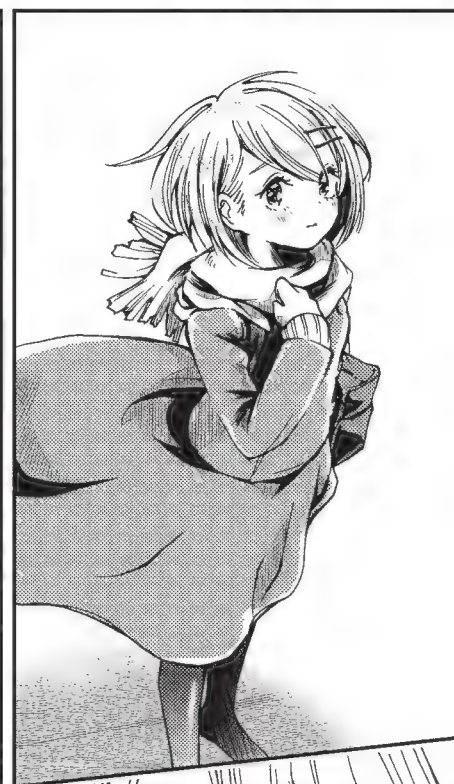
I'D
RATHER
SHE
JUST
HATE
ME.

THEN I
WANT
TO
HURT
HER.







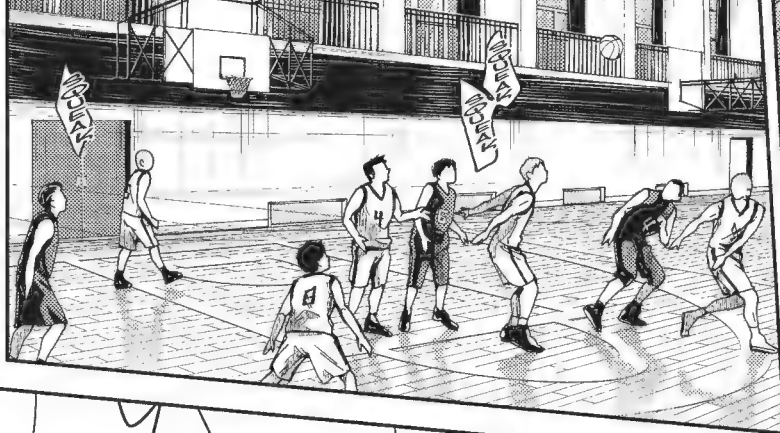




You
wanna
listen?

RICCHAN
IS
ALWAYS...

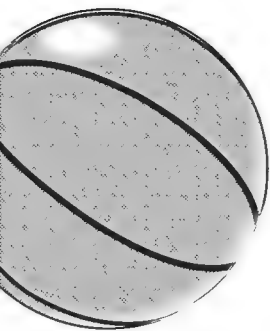
RICCHAN
...



ICHIKA'S
VOICE...



IF I HAD TO GIVE IT A COLOR, IT WOULD BE
TRANSPARENT LIGHT BLUE.



THE
DIRECTION
I TURN...

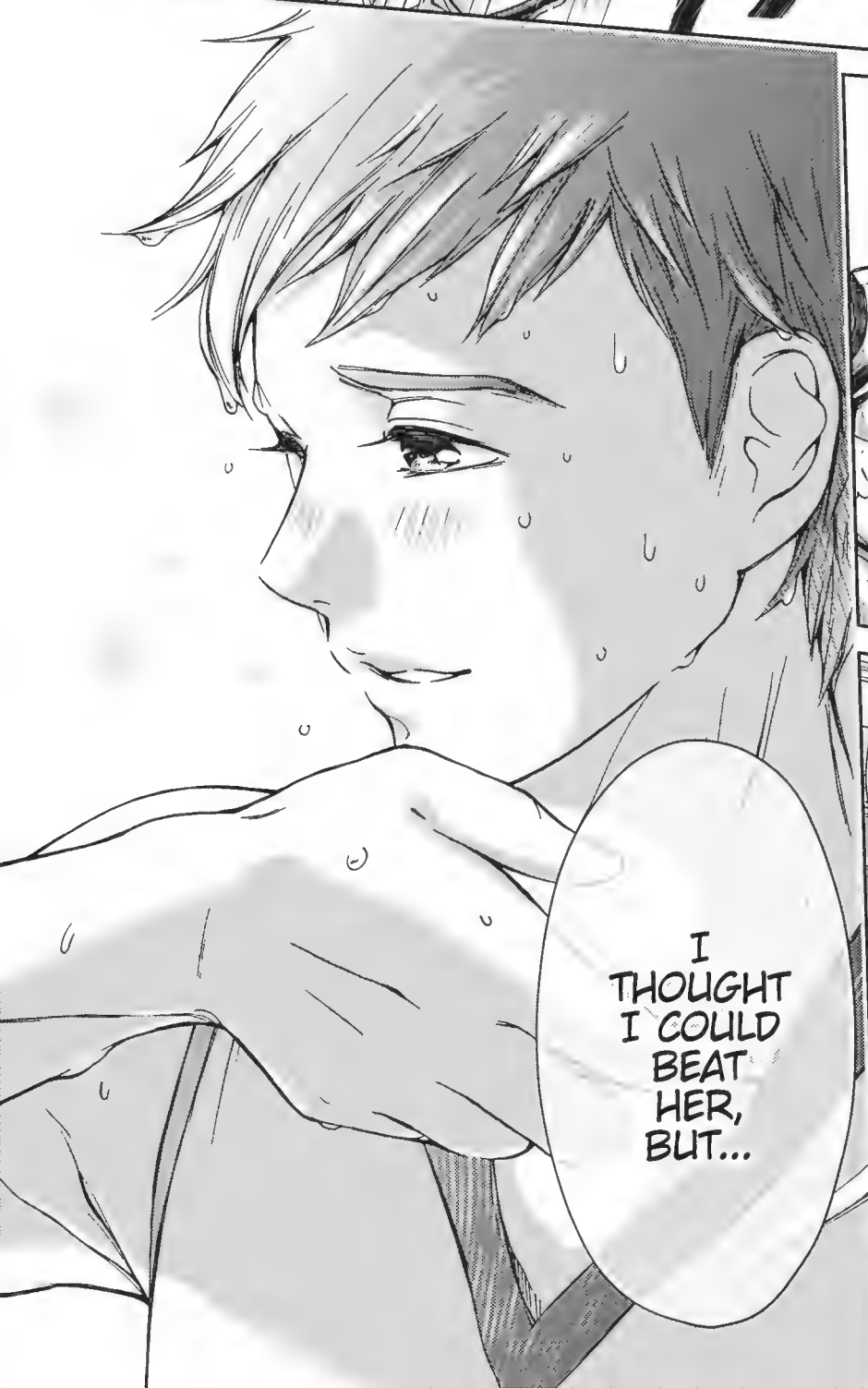


NO
MATTER...



I DON'T
HEAR
HER
VOICE.

KLANG



I
THOUGHT
I COULD
BEAT
HER,
BUT...



NO
WORRIES,
SHUN!

THERE'S
ALWAYS
...

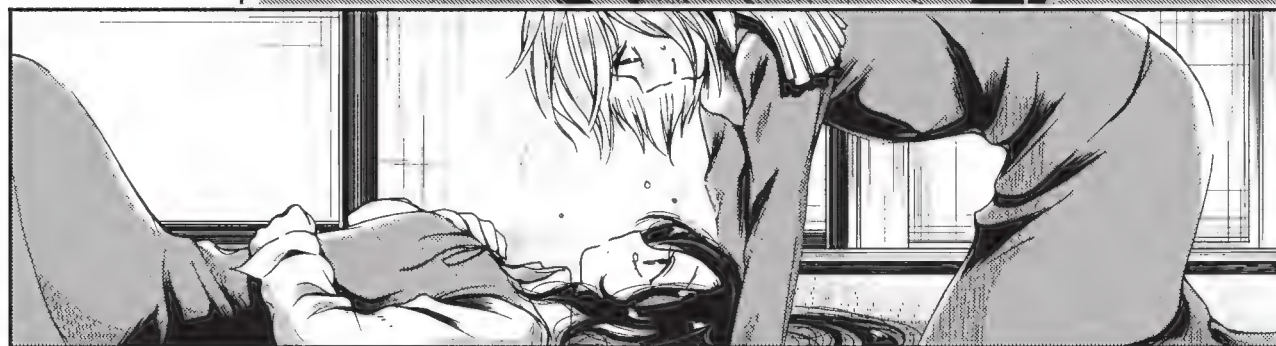
NEXT
TIME,
EH?

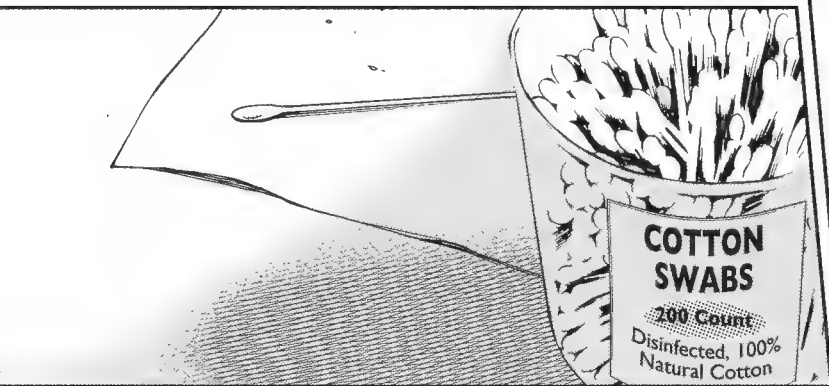


THERE
WON'T
BE A
NEXT
TIME.

HUH?



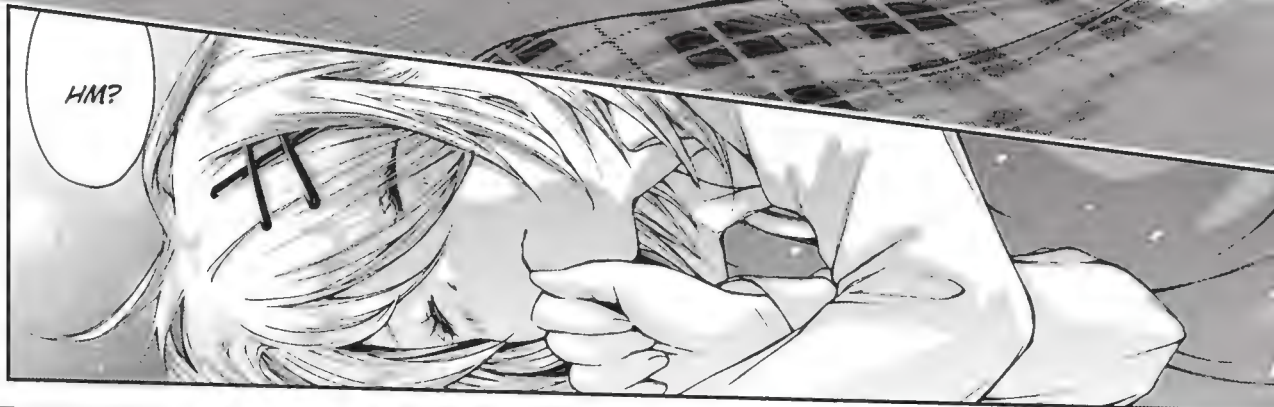




CLEAN
MY
EARS.



ICHIKA?





I'M
KIDDING.

GRIP...

WHEN
YOU
CRIED
FROM
THE
PAIN...

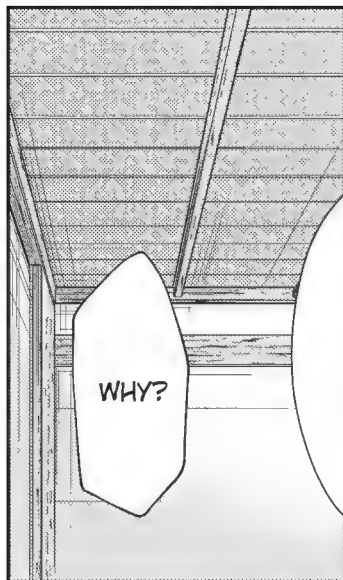
I'D
COMFORT
YOU.

I'D
HOLD
YOU...

SO
CLOSE
...

I'D
NEVER
DO THAT
TO YOU.

HMM.



WHY?

I ONLY
LET YOU
DO THIS,
RICCHAN.

THAT'S
WHY...

I
KNOW.



AFTER
...

WHY?!

WHY'D
YOU
COME
HERE?



YOU
ONLY...

MADE
ME
LISTEN...



AFTER I
MADE YOU
LISTEN
TO THAT
RECORDING
...





SEEING
YOU
LOOK
DOWN
AT ME...

HEARING
YOUR VOICE,
FEELING THE
WARMTH
OF YOUR
FINGERS...

I
LOVE
IT.



LOOKING
UP AT
YOUR
FACE LIKE
THIS...

I
WAS SO
SCARED.

EVEN
THOUGH
IT WAS
MY OWN
BODY...

THAT'S
WHEN I
REALIZED
IT.

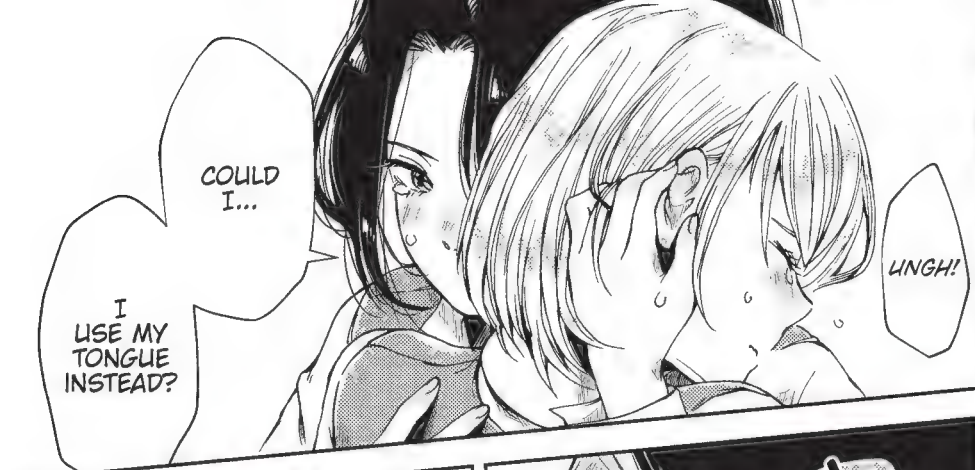
I...

THAT'S
WHY...

I ONLY
WANT
TO BE
TOUCHED
BY YOU,
RICCHAN.

ICHIKA
...







I
LOVE
YOU.

IT'S
OKAY...

RICCHAN.

THAT
SLIGHTLY
WAVERING
VOICE...

IT WAS
TRANSPARENT.
TRANSIENT.

LIKE
MELTING
SNOW.



MORNING,
SHUN-
KUN!



HEY.

MORN-
ING...

LOVE-
BIRDS.



MORNING.

SHUN...



WHY NOT?
YOU
BARELY
TALK!

YOU DON'T
HAVE TO
CALL ATTEN-
TION TO IT
AND SAY IT
ALOUD!

.....



OH MY
GOD,
SHUN!

AH!

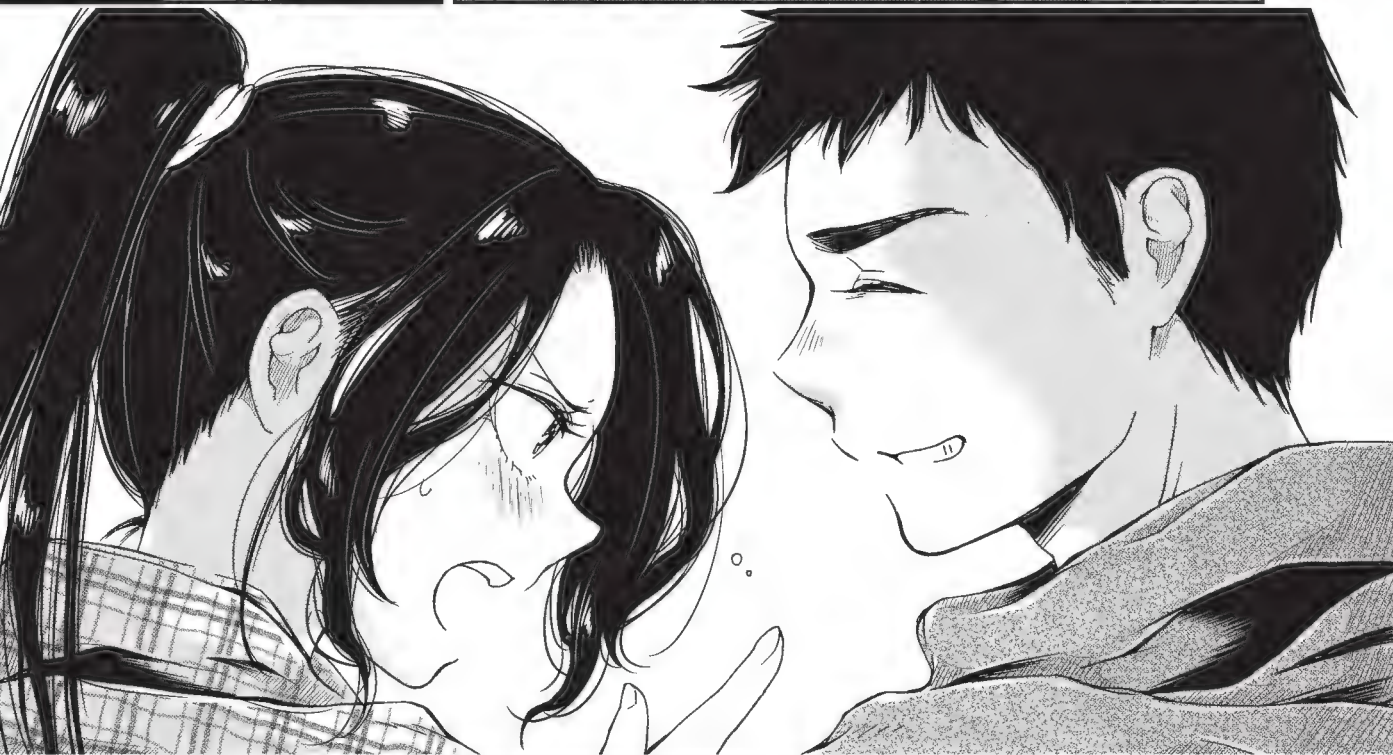
YUP!
♥

HEY
...

BE
MORE
DIS-
CREET!

YOU'RE
WEARING
MATCHING
SCARVES.

WHAT'S
YOUR
PROBLEM?!
SHEESH.



HEY,
SHUN!

YOU
GET
ALONG
...

SO
WELL.





LET'S
GO.

CAPTAIN
SAYS IT'S
PRACTICE
TIME!

OH.

SORRY.

I'M
GOING
TO
GO ON
AHEAD.

RICCHAN.



LET'S
WALK
FORWARD,
TOGETHER.

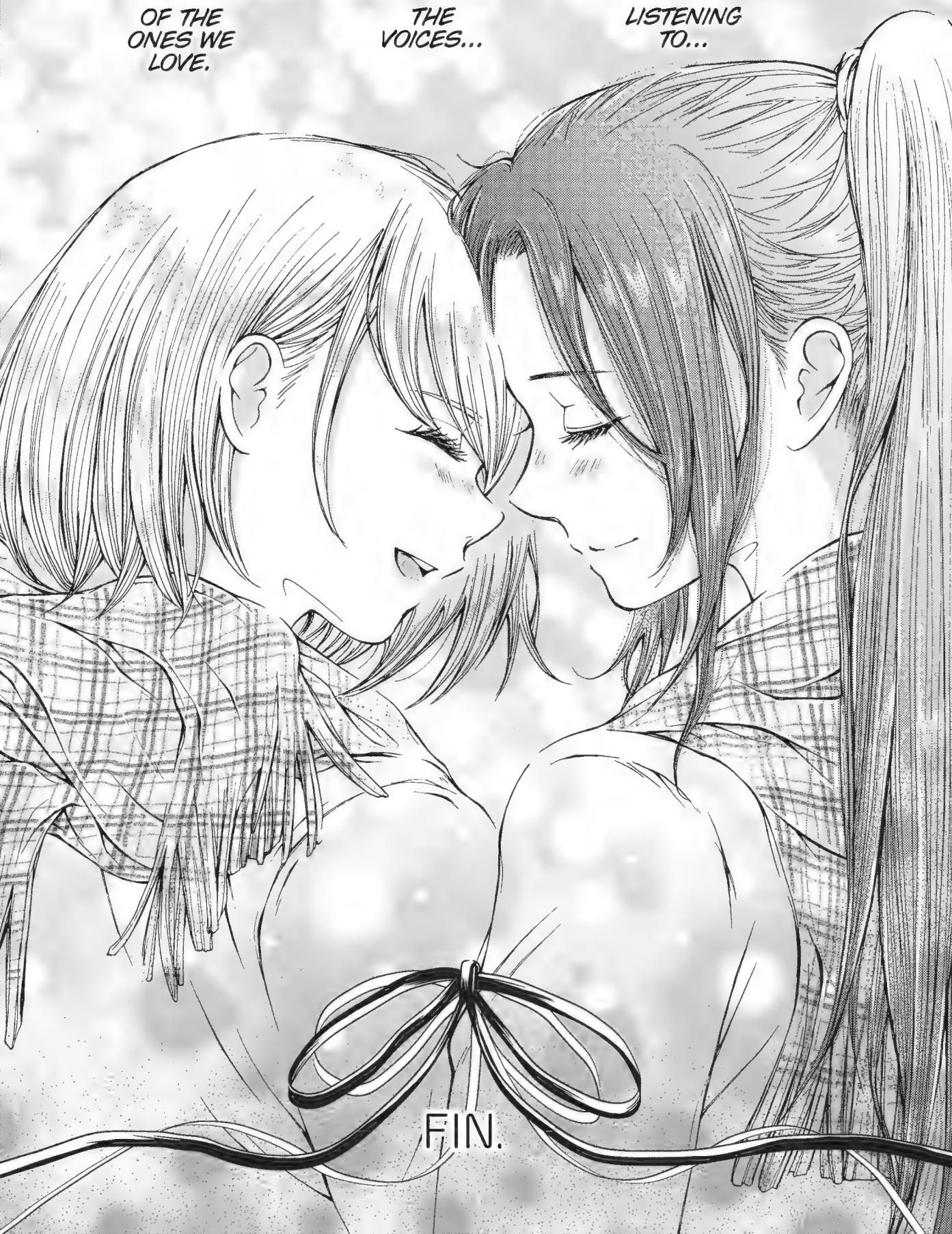
OKAY...

ICHIKA.

OF THE
ONES WE
LOVE.

THE
VOICES...

LISTENING
TO...



FIN.

Transparent
Light Blue

Transparent
Light Blue



YOU'RE
SO
BEAUTI-
FUL,
LIKE A
CLEAN
WHITE
APRON
I'D
DIRTY
WITH A
TOUCH.

THEY'RE
FILTHY.
IMPURE.

THE
FEEL-
INGS I
HAVE
FOR
YOU...



I LOVE
YOU,
SENPAI.
I JUST
WANT
TO
HOLD
YOU.

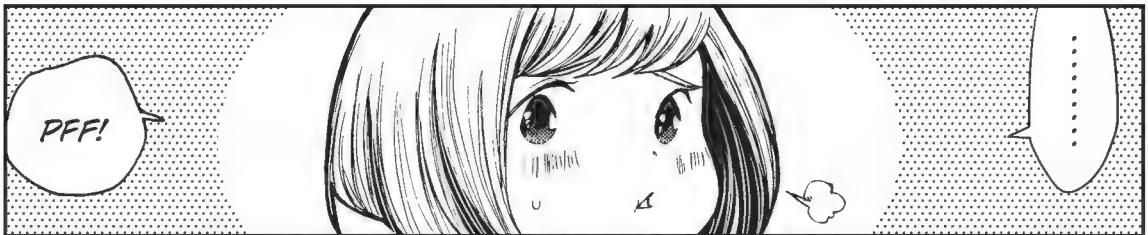
BUT I
CAN'T
TELL
YOU
THAT.



Apron











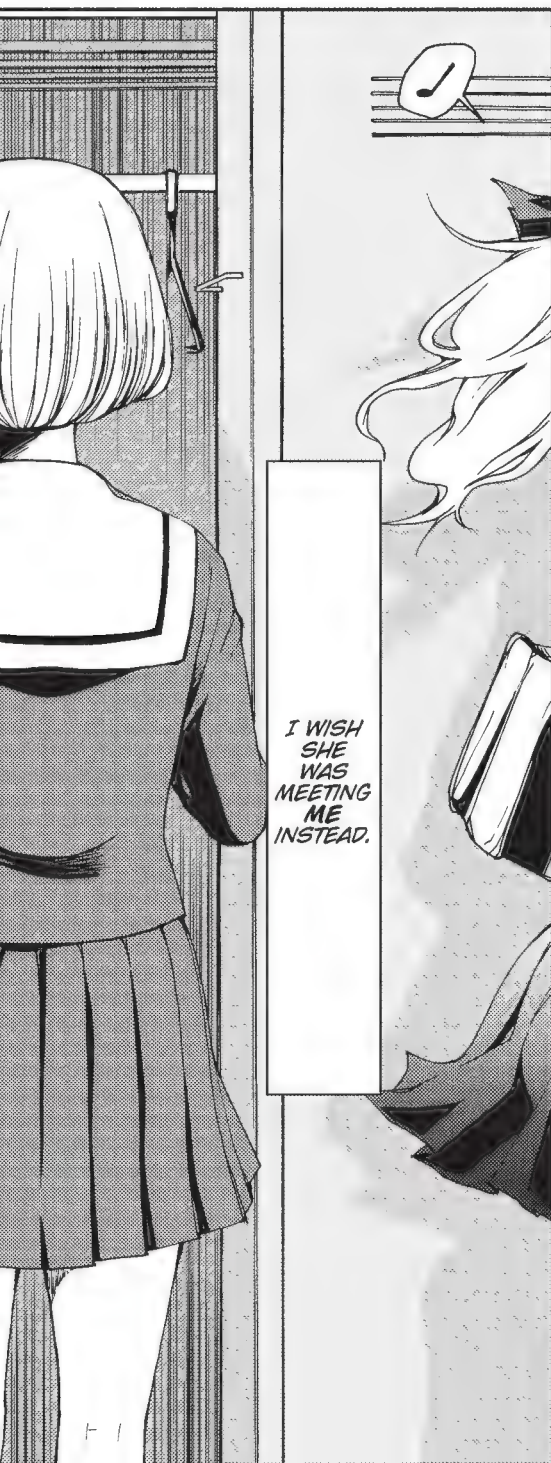
GOTTA HURRY!

AH!

SEE YOU!

Employee Changing Room

GREAT JOB, TODAY!



I WISH SHE WAS MEETING ME INSTEAD.



YOU SURE ARE IN A HURRY, SENPAI.

I'M GONNA BE SO LATE!

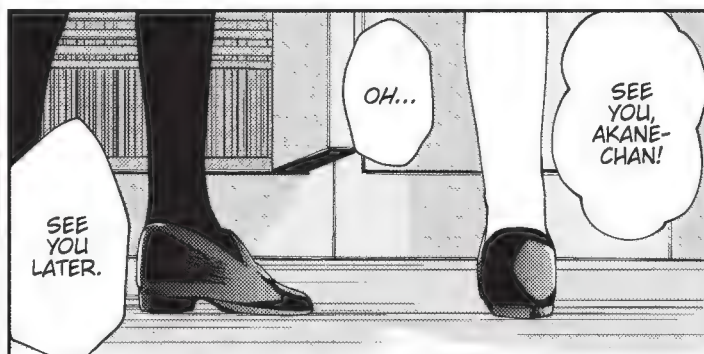


GRIN

A SPECIAL FRIEND!

I'M MEETING SOMEONE!

YEAH!



SEE YOU LATER.

OH...

SEE YOU, AKANE-CHAN!





I CAN
TOUCH
IT...

3mm

SENPAI...



BATHUMP

NOBODY'S
HERE.

BATHUMP

BATHUMP



NO ONE
WILL
KNOW.

BATHUMP

THIS IS
MY ONLY
CHANCE...



BATHUMP

AKANE-
SAN?

IS
THAT...

HE
SAW
ME!

ERINA-
SENPAI'S?

WHY?!

BA-
THUMP

BA-
THUMP

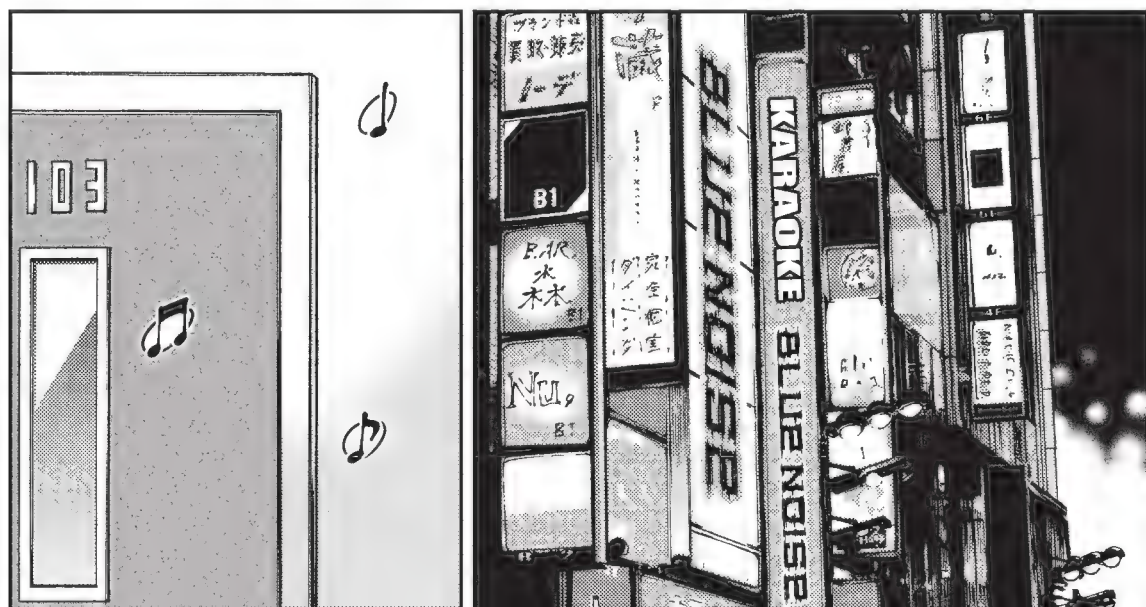
BA-
THUMP

BA-
THUMP

BA-
THUMP

BA-
THUMP

BA-
THUMP

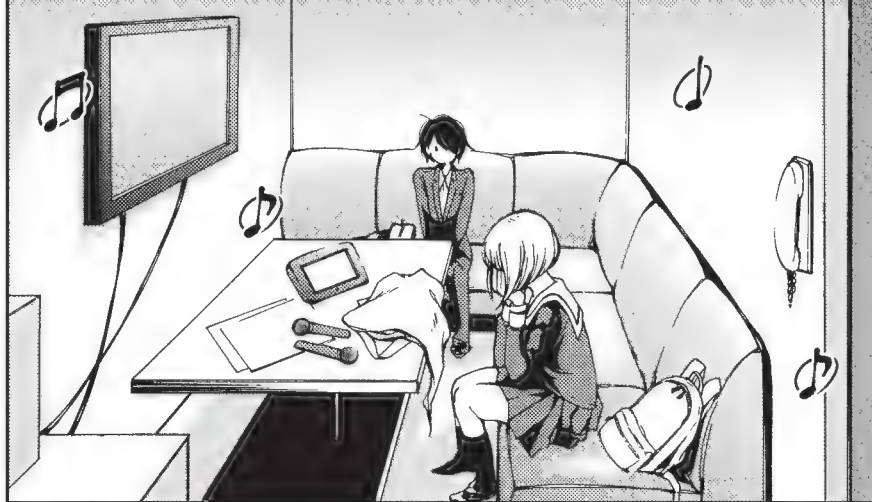




THERE ?

WERE YOU...

WHY ...



BUT, UH...

UHHH...

WHY'RE YOU THE ONE MAKING EXCUSES?

IT'S FINE.

THERE'S ONLY THE ONE EMPLOYEE LOCKER ROOM.

AND I'M USUALLY THE LAST ONE TO LEAVE, SO...

I-I WAS LATE GETTING CHANGED.



I EVEN BROUGHT SENPAI'S APRON BY ACCIDENT.

HOW'D THIS HAPPEN ??

IT'S NOT. THIS SUCKS.

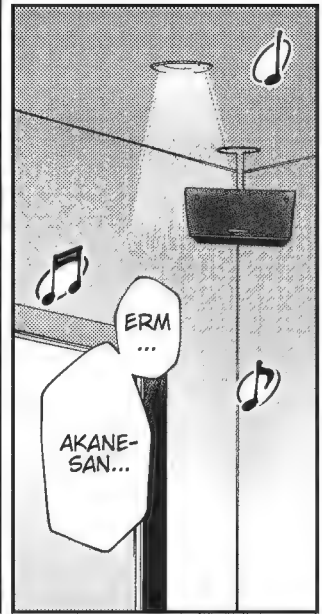
WHY'D I FREAK OUT AND DRAG HIM HERE?



YOU
DIDN'T
HAVE
TO DO
THIS...

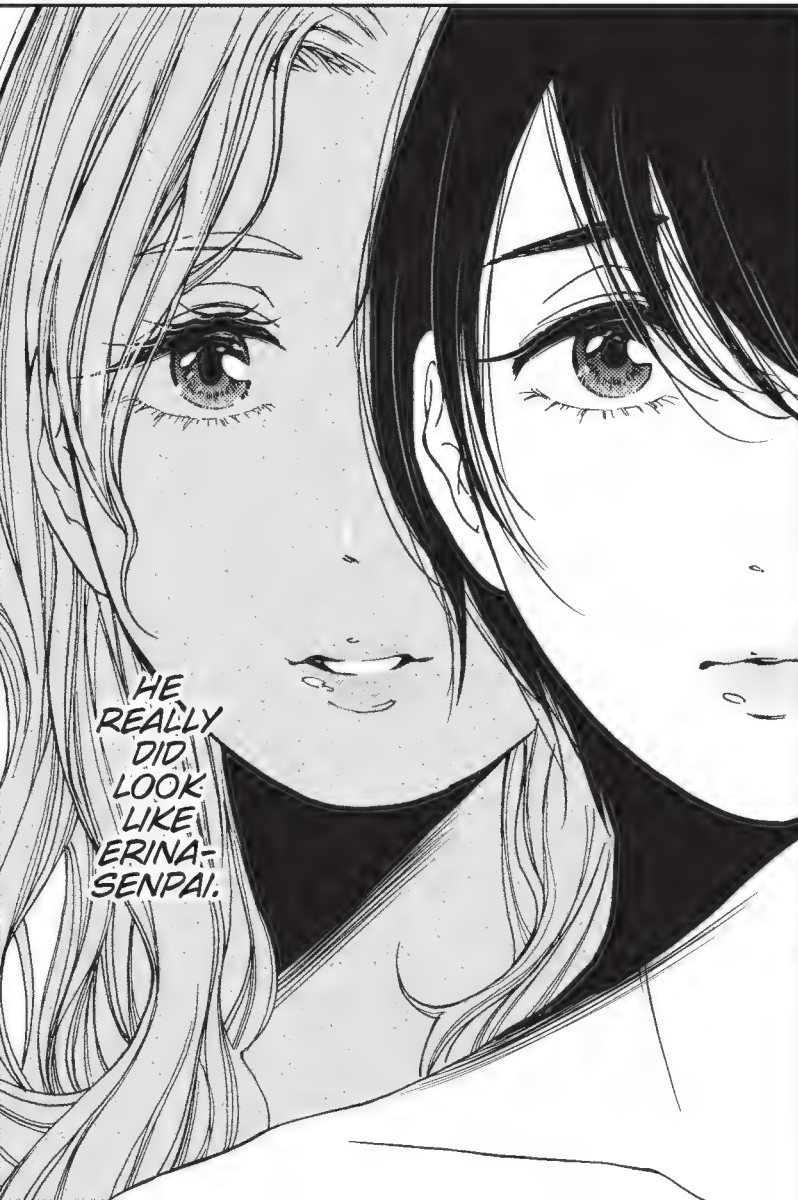
IT'S
OKAY.

I
WON'T
TELL
ANYONE.

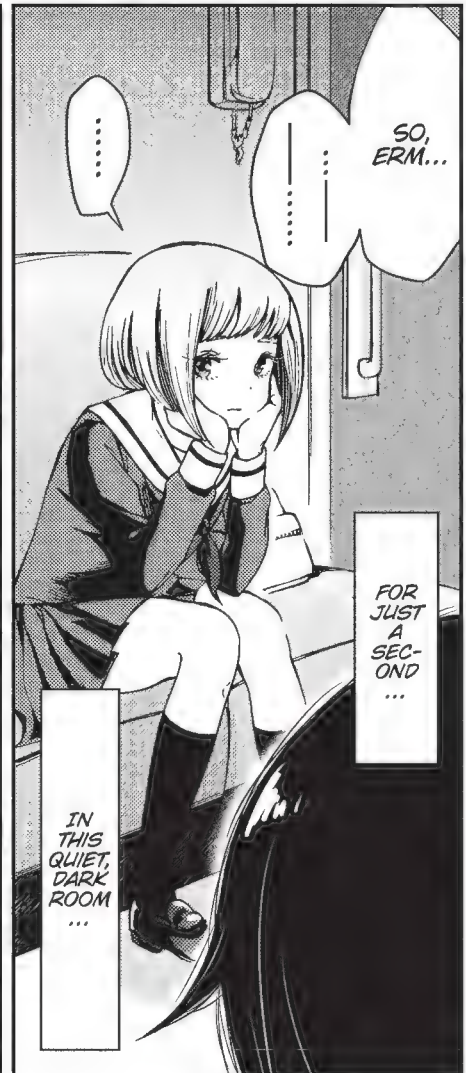


AKANE-
SAN...

ERM
...



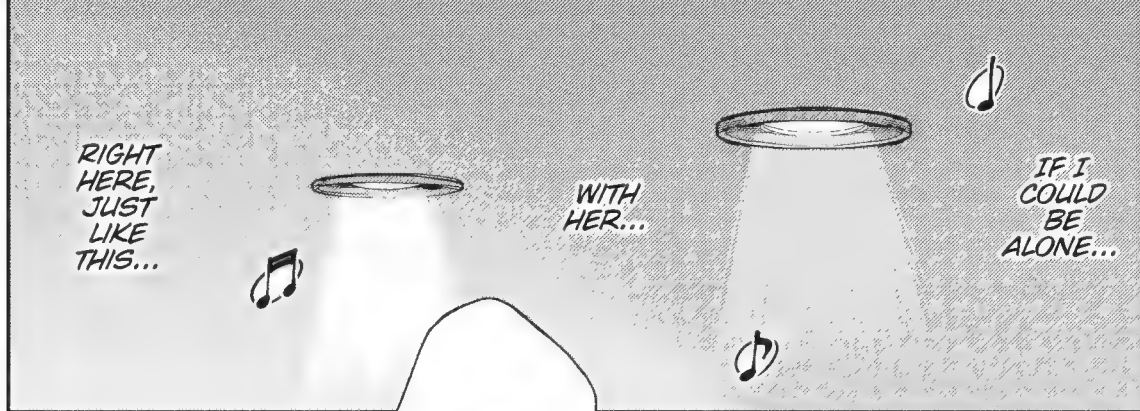
HE
REALLY
DID
LOOK
LIKE
ERINA-
SEMPAI.



SO,
ERM...

FOR
JUST
A
SEC-
OND
...

IN
THIS
QUIET,
DARK
ROOM
...







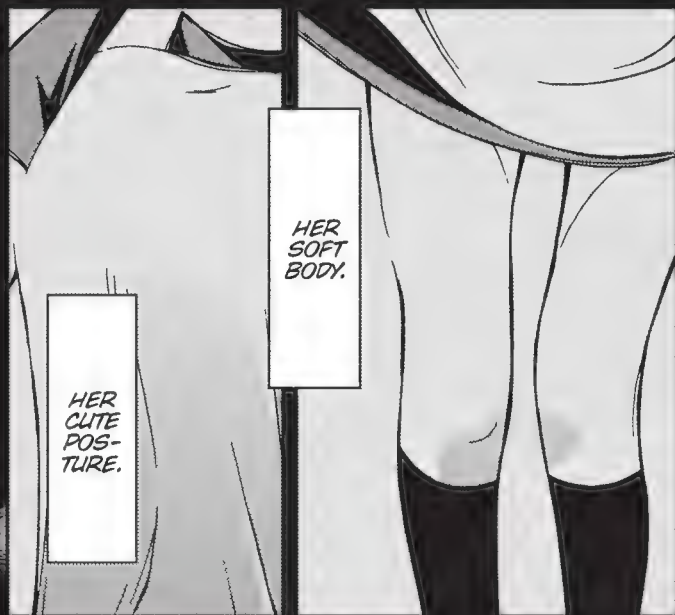




IT
SMELLS
LIKE
COFFEE.

AND
SEN-
PAI.

HER
APRON
...



HER
SOFT
BODY.

HER
CUTE
POS-
TURE.



HER
LONG
HAIR.

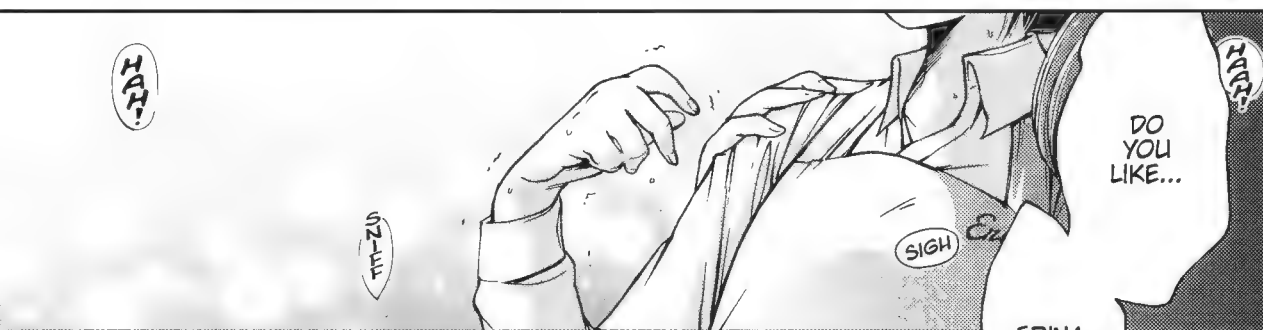
HER
PALE
SKIN.



SENPAI
...

SENPAI
...

SENPAI
...





JUST
SHUT
UP.

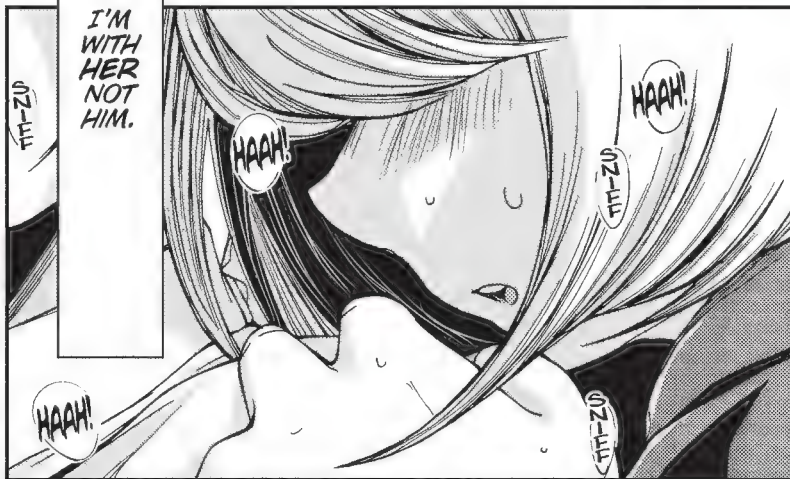
I'M...

SORRY
...



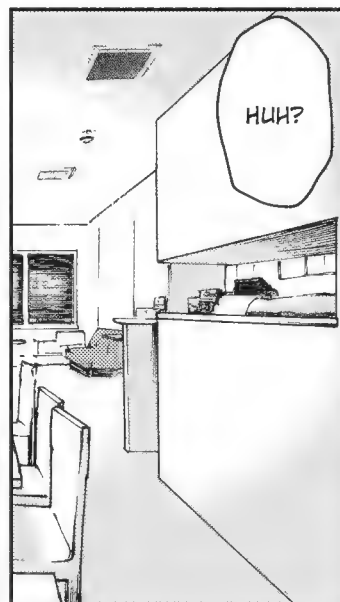
I'M
WITH
HER
NOT
HIM.

FF-
ZU
FF



HAVE YOU
SEEN MY
APRON?

HEY,
AKANE-
CHAN?





BUT
THAT'S
JUST
HOW
DEEPLY...



I'M
IN
LOVE
WITH
YOU.

AND
HELD
HIM
TIGHT.



DOES
THAT
MAKE
ME A
PERVERT?

FOREVER
AND
EVER.

PLEASE,
GOD...

LET THIS
APRON
STAY
WHITE...

WHY
NOT?

SPIT
IT OUT
ALREADY!

NAKA-
JOU...

OH!

AKANE-
SAN...

YOU
DON'T
WANT TO
GO IN
THERE...

HUH?

WHH
...

NO!

THESE'RE
HEAVY.

COME
ON,
MOVE!

DRAG

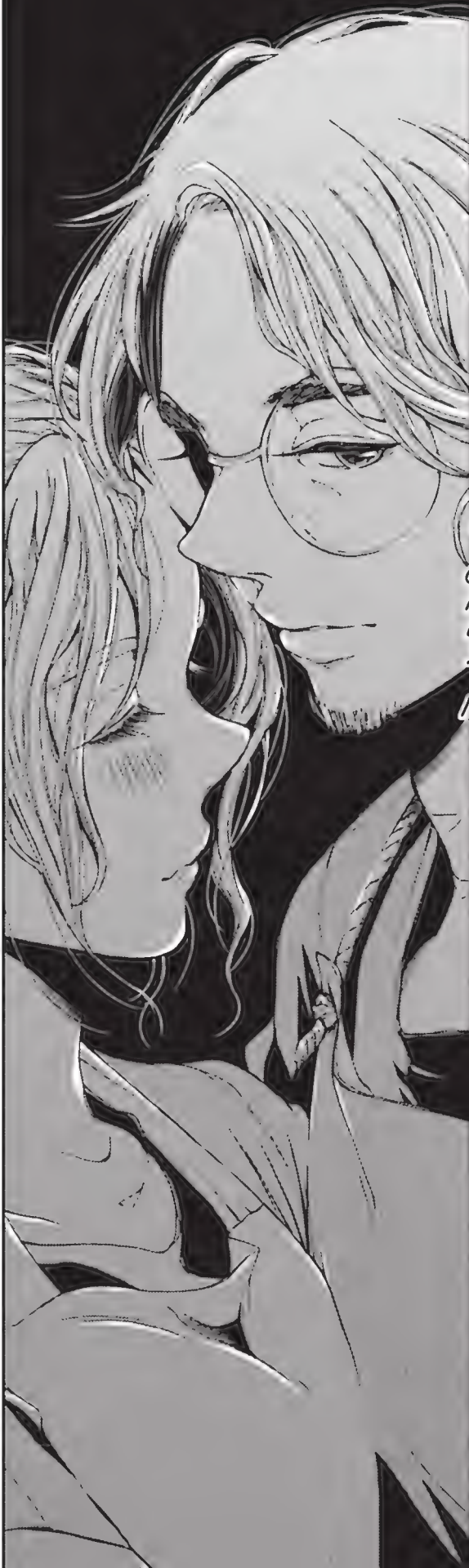
DRAG

SIGH
...

SO
HEAVY!

NO!!

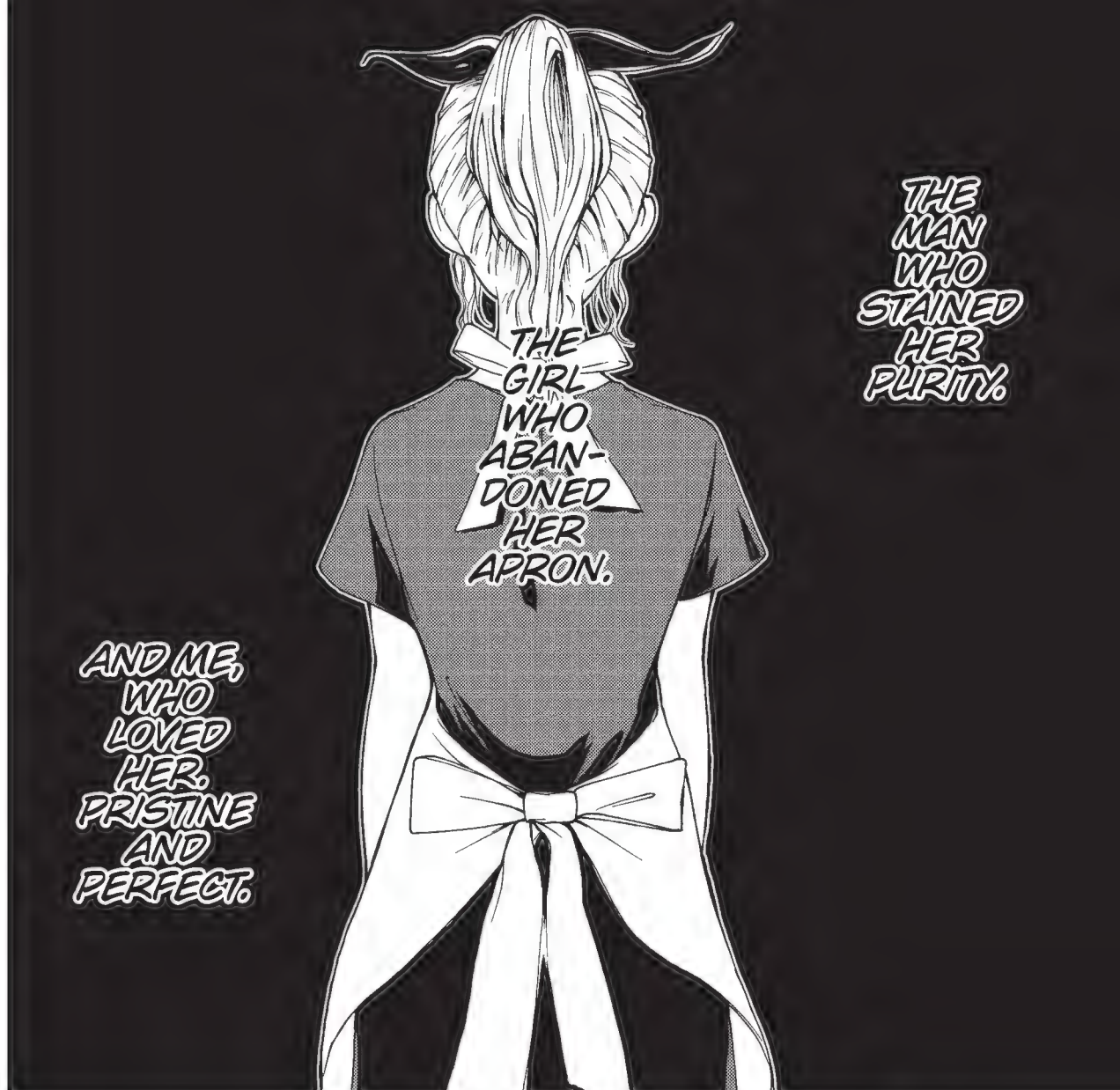
FROM
THE
CRACK
IN THE
DOOR,
I SAW
HELL
ITSELF.



WE...

**WE'RE
ALL SO
STUPID.**









IT'S
NOT
CLEAN
ANY-
MORE!

HUH
?!

HEY!



THIS
WHOLE
MESS
...

AKANE-
SAN?!

WHAT
THE
HELL
ARE
YOU
DOING?!



HEY,
COME
ON!

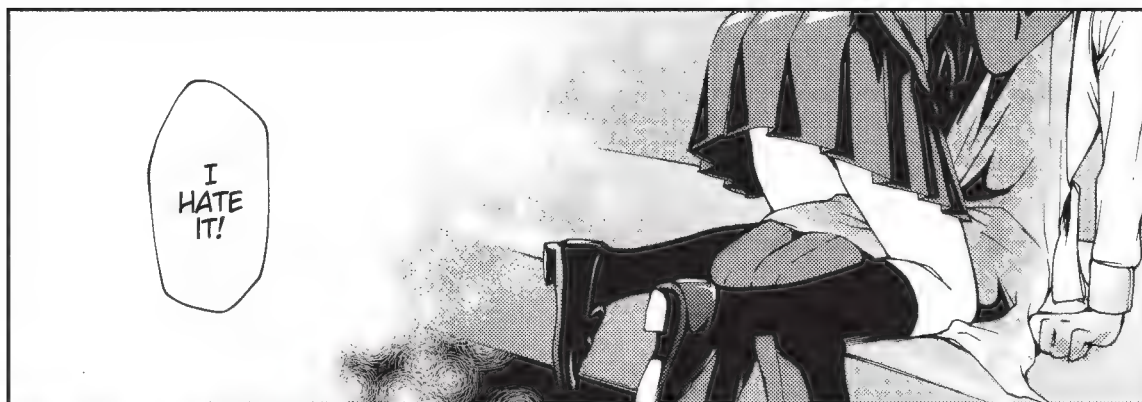


CUT
THIS
OUT...

STOP...

THIS
FEELING...





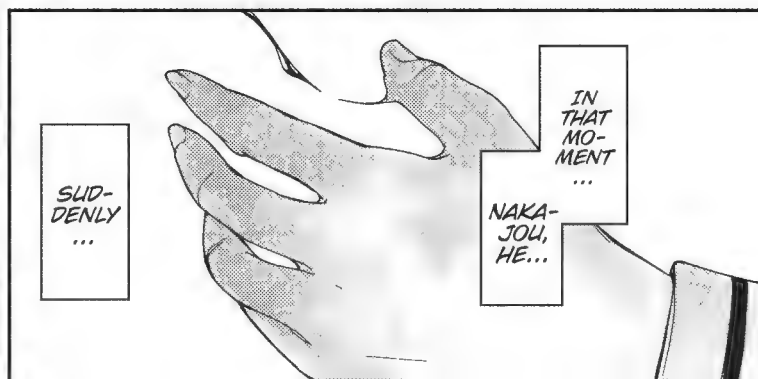
I
HATE
IT!



I
HATE
MEN!

WOULD
DROP
DEAD!

I
WISH
ALL
OF
THEM...



DON'T
TOUCH
IT.

ME
TOO.

China

DON'T
RUIN
...

SUCH
PURITY.

I...

DO...

TOO.

SUD-
DENLY
...

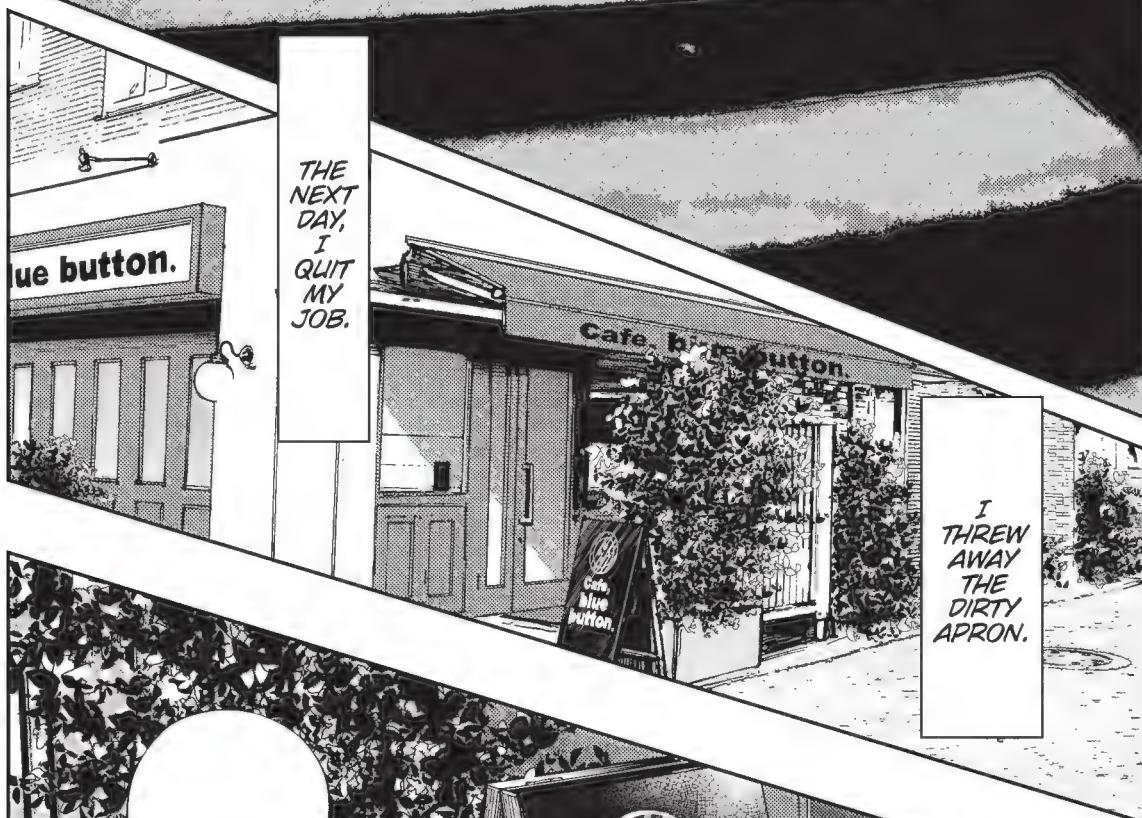
IN
THAT
MO-
MENT
...

NAKA-
JOU,
HE...



I
COULDN'T
STAND IT,
SO I LEFT
WITHOUT
ANOTHER
WORD.

HE
SEEMED
TO KNOW
SO MUCH
MORE
THAN
ME.



THE
NEXT
DAY,
I
QUIT
MY
JOB.

I
THREW
AWAY
THE
DIRTY
APRON.



HEY,
DID YOU
HEAR?

Cafe,
blue
button.





SUMMER
VACATION
IS
ALMOST
HERE
AGAIN.



OH...

I'M
SO
SOR--



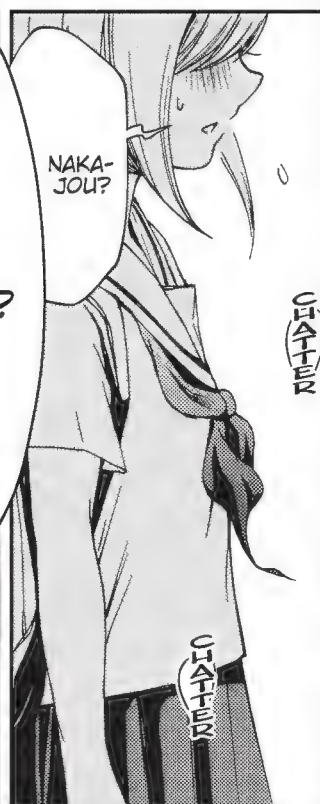
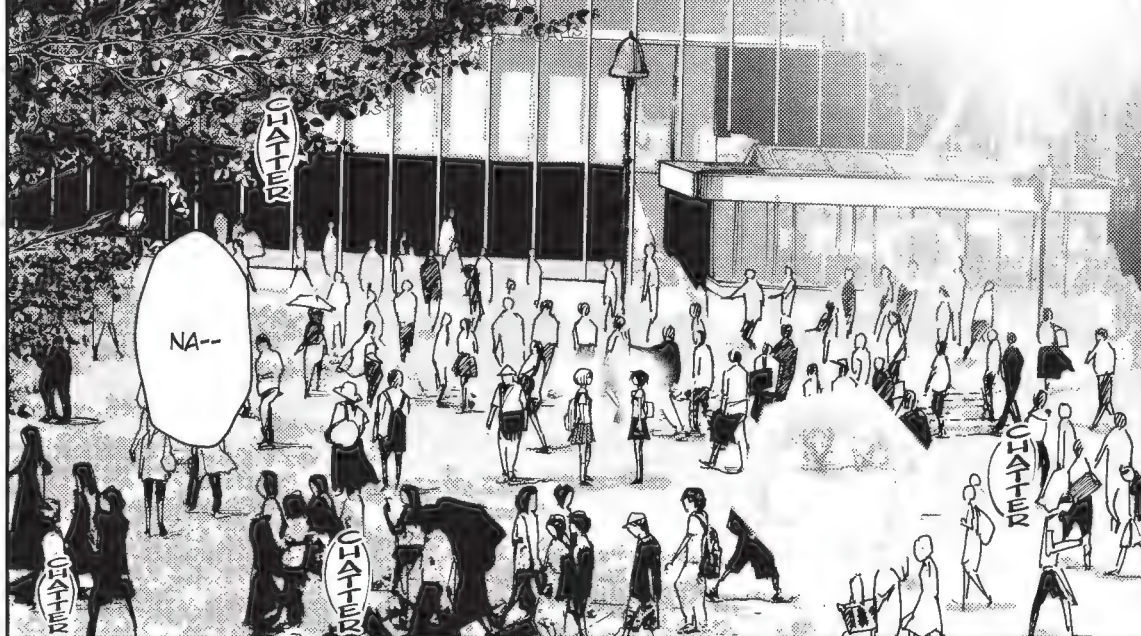
I
SHOULD
START
LOOKING
FOR A
NEW
PART-TIME
JOB...



ARGH!

SLAM







WAIT!



Transparent
Light Blue

Transparent
Light Blue

Hiring Part-Timers

Hall/Kitchen Staff

No experience? High school student?
Unemployed?

One day a week. 4+ hours a day.
Flexible schedule.

Hourly pay: ¥900+ (with raises)

I remember you.

You come here a lot, right?

So...



Shade

oh!

Umm, I...

I like the coffee at this café!

So...



How
'bout
it?

You
could
pretend
to
be a
guy...

And
work
here...



You
don't
like our
coffee.

C'mon...

What?



If
that's
the
case...

Ha!

BINGO!



You like
Akane-
chan,
don't
you?

!

I'm not
going
to hire
you
other-
wise.

履歴書 2XXX年 6月 21日現在

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E-mail			

(現住所以外に連絡を希望する)

You
need
to
be a
guy...

right?

So
what
are you
going
to do?

TO
GET
CLOSE
TO
HER.

EVEN
IF I
HAVE
TO
LOOK
LIKE
THIS...



AREN'T
LOOKING
AT ME.



EVEN
IF
YOUR
EYES...



EVEN IF
YOUR
ARMS...

AREN'T
WRAPPED
AROUND
ME.

I'M
HAPPY.

I WAS
SUP-
POSED
TO BE
HAPPY...oo

Naka-
jou?



I HATE
THEM.
MY MALE
PERSONA
AND...

sor-
ry!

I'm
so...

ME?
HAPPY?

WHO
WAS I
KIDDING?

I
RUINED
EVERY-
THING...

ALL
BECAUSE
OF THAT
HOPE...

Akane-
san!

MY
FEMALE
SELF.

I'm
..

So...

AGH!

Sor-
ry!



Sorry.

Just...



Forget
all
about
this.

SLAM



...

100% Or

WAIT!

I HATE
BOTH OF
THEM.



IT'S A
MIRACLE...

AKANE-
SAN?

A...





NAKA-JOU...

YOU ALWAYS DO THIS...

AKANE-SAN.

YOU DON'T EVEN REALIZE WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO ME!

YOU DRAG ME AROUND LIKE A TOY.



IF YOU'RE GONNA GRAB ME...



LOOK AT ME!

THEN YOU'D BETTER ...



DON'T
LET GO
OF ME
AGAIN!



COME ON.

COME ON.

THE LIGHT'S GONNA TURN RED.

GRIP...
グッ
ッ



OKAY!

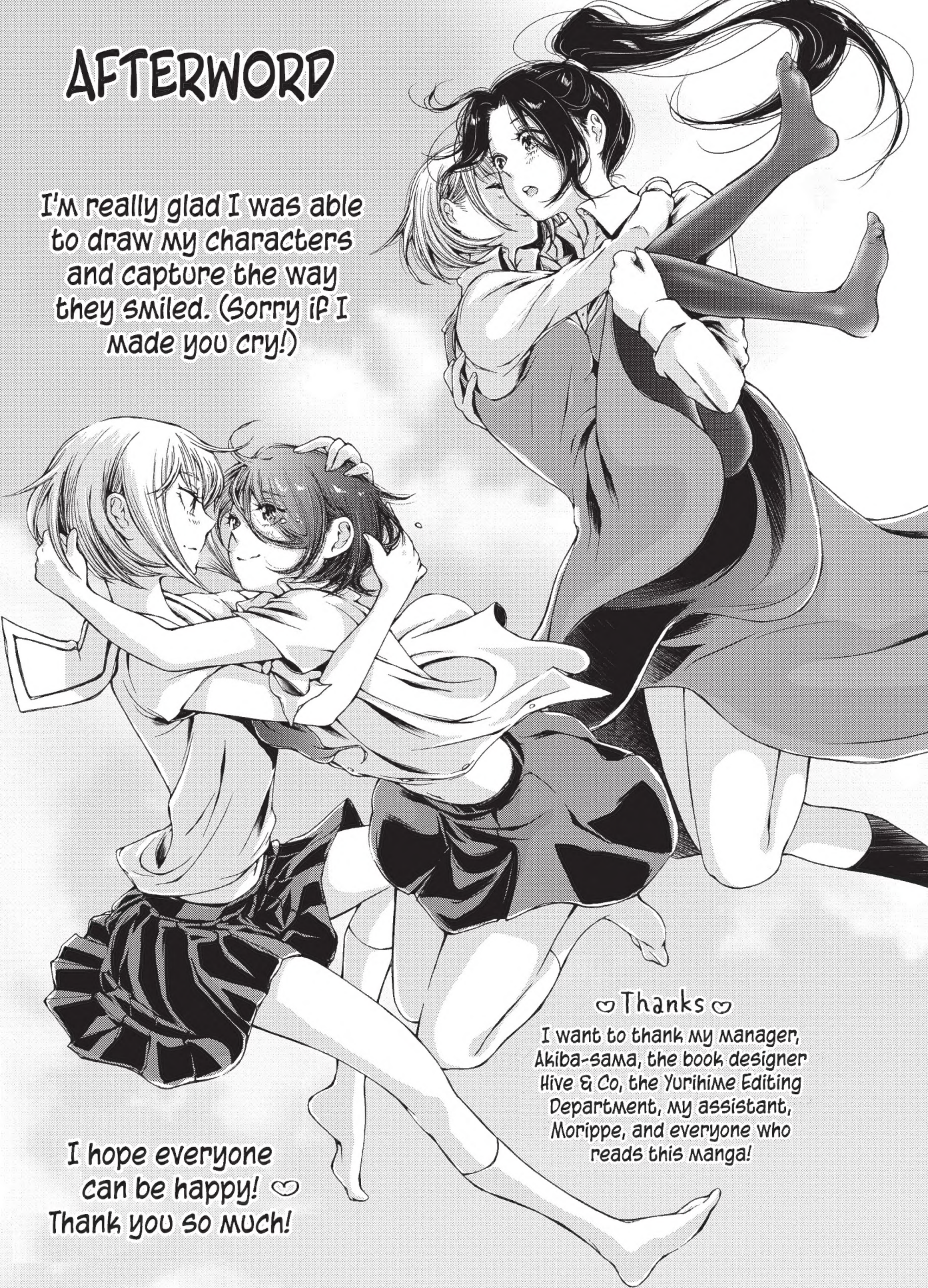


HEY,
DO
YOU....

WANT
TO DO
SOME
KARAOKE?

AFTERWORD

I'm really glad I was able
to draw my characters
and capture the way
they smiled. (Sorry if I
made you cry!)



I hope everyone
can be happy! ♡
Thank you so much!

♡ Thanks ♡

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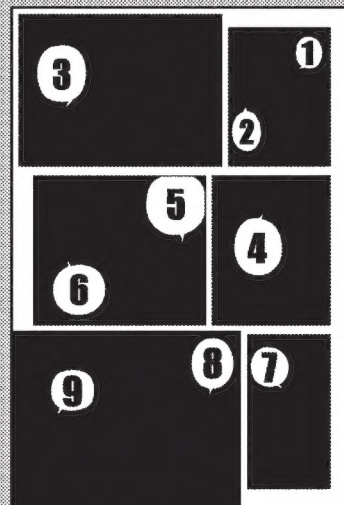
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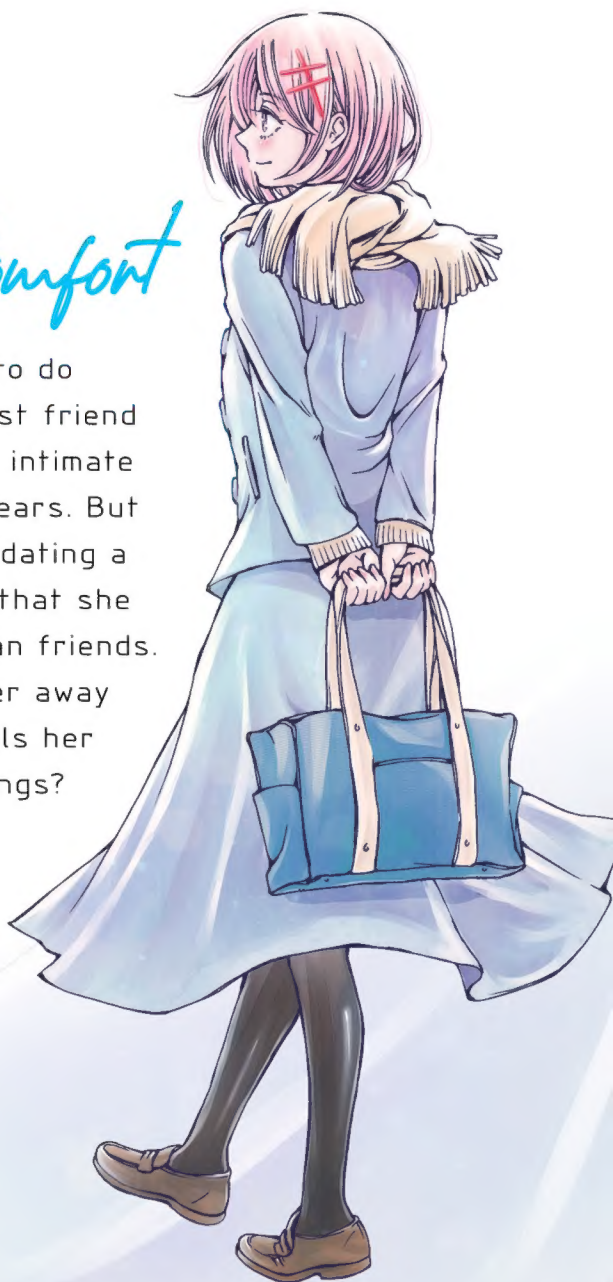






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